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Valuable Parachutes Will Descend on Area

The Building Industries Exchange of Pottstown and Vicinity is going up in the air about the huge parade it will stage Monday.

It's not that they're over-excited by all the planning that's been going on for weeks. It's that they're going to send an airplane over Pottstown and vicinity Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and shower the section with 150 parachutes.

The parachutes each will be worth a dollar at any member's business place. All you have to do is keep an eye on their descent, go fetch them and take them in.

Piloting the plane will be, appropriately, a member of the exchange—James J. Moore.

This will be but one part of a big week that will be highlighted by the parade.

THROUGHOUT THE week, there will be open houses at members' business places, with members announcing their own open-house times.

Charles Palladino, who with Russell Kelm is a co-chairman of the parade committee, said yesterday that the members who will have elaborate rolling floats in the parade are keeping the exact nature of their exhibits a surprise. Even he hasn't been able to find out.

Behind the parade exhibits will be the same ingenuity and attention to detail that made

the recent home show in Sunnysbrook auditorium the past Spring such a success, with thousands streaming to it day after day and night after night.

While the wide-ranging, rolling exhibits of exchange members will be the backbone of the parade, there will be plenty else for parade-lovers to see.

THERE WILL be two bands coming here from Boyertown—the band of Friendship Hook and Ladder.

The parade will be a color guard formed of representatives of Pottstown servicemen organizations. This unit will fall in at Madison street, march to Manatany street, then fall out.

The rest of the parade starts at Firestone boulevard and will go down High street to and through Stowe.

THE QUEEN'S float will be flower-decked, and the entire court will be dressed in elaborate gowns. Escorting the float will be uniformed members of Pottstown Boy Scout troops.

Justly proud mothers of the young queen and her court will ride in a station wagon directly behind the queenly float. In the traditional open car will be the two grand marshals, the candidates for burgess in the November election—Burgess William A. Griffith and John B. Hartenstine.

At Firestone boulevard, all units are scheduled to start moving at 7 p. m.

The Building Industries Exchange is expecting a big turnout not only in the borough but also in Stowe, leaders of the event reported.

LOOK UP WEDNESDAY

Prominent Local Figures Help Plan National Housing Week Activities Here



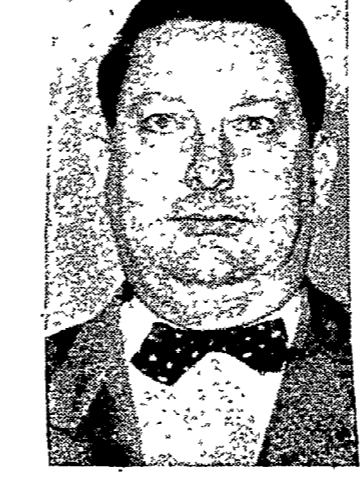
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Giant Parade to Include Construction Equipment

There is going to be a parade in Pottstown Monday.

And if everything goes according to plan, it will be a gigantic parade of big trucks and little trucks and pieces of equipment of all sorts.

The parade, sponsored by the Building Industries Exchange of Pottstown and vicinity, will be held in observance of National Housing Week.

The parade, first of its kind in the area, will move west on High street from Firestone drive to Center street in Stowe; north on Center street to Vine street, and east on Vine street to Berks street where it will disband.

Featured in the parade will be trucks and equipment used by local and area contractors and builders.

All participants are urged to assemble at Firestone drive not later than 6 p. m. The parade will begin moving shortly thereafter.

CHAIRMAN David Welsh reported last night that he is presently attempting to engage several bands to take part, but "this is not certain."

He said a color guard will lead the group, followed by two parade marshals, Burgess William A. Griffith and John B. Hartenstine.

Next in line will be the parade queen's float.

Chosen queen for the observance was five-year-old Peggy McCaslin,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCaslin 3d.

Included in her court will be: Sharon Lee Behl, Margaret Veach, Carol Ann Martin, Sandra Ecker and Jean Kline.

Group captains listed for each section are: William G. Carnahan, Michael Krassowski and James C. Wilke, Section 1.

Fred Kerlin, Robert Saylor and John Davis, Section 2; William B. O'Brien, John Hoffecker and Joseph Giansante, Section 3.

Paul Gatta, Section 4; Lawrence Antrim, Section 5; Wenger Brothers, Section 6; Joseph Pereni, Section 7; Gabriel Fieni, Section 8; James Waters, Section 9; H. DeWalt, Section 10.

Charles Bechtel, Section 11; Albert Cline, Section 12; Tom Kressley, Section 13; C. S. Garber, Section 14; B. Schaffer Sturges, Section 15; S. Vagasky, Section 16; Fred Erb, Section 17, and Joe L. Bowen, Section 18.

Participants will be: Section 1, contractors and builders; Oscar Arndt, Allen K. Davidheiser, Carnahan and Istenes, John Copenhaver, Dominic DeAngelo, Peter Dori, William Griffith, Tilghman K. Hauseman, R. B. Hunter.

Earl S. Jones, Earl M. Kerstetter, Michael Krassowski, Ernest Pickard, Gerald G. Richards, Sanders and Thomas, Welsh and Renninger, James C. Wilke and Warren B. Zern.

Section 2, building materials and supplies, Boyertown Planning Mill, Builder's Equipment and Sup-

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Section 7, plumbing and heating supplies: R. F. Smale and company, Reading Foundry and Supply company, General Supply company and Norristown Plumbing and

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Check Home Insulation For Comfortable Living

If the air in your house isn't at least ten degrees cooler than the outside air on a Summer day, or if you can't keep your fuel bills from rising in the Winter, there's something wrong with your insulation, say the heating and ventilating engineers.

Moisture and settling are the two chief causes of house insulation losing its value. You can hold a hot pan handle safely with a dry pot holder, but if the pot holder is wet, you'll let go in a hurry. That's what happens to cellular insulation when it becomes wet.

As for settlement, you may have had three inches of loose insulation between the ceiling joists when you built your house, yet it may have settled to an inch or two by now. It's a good idea to check it.

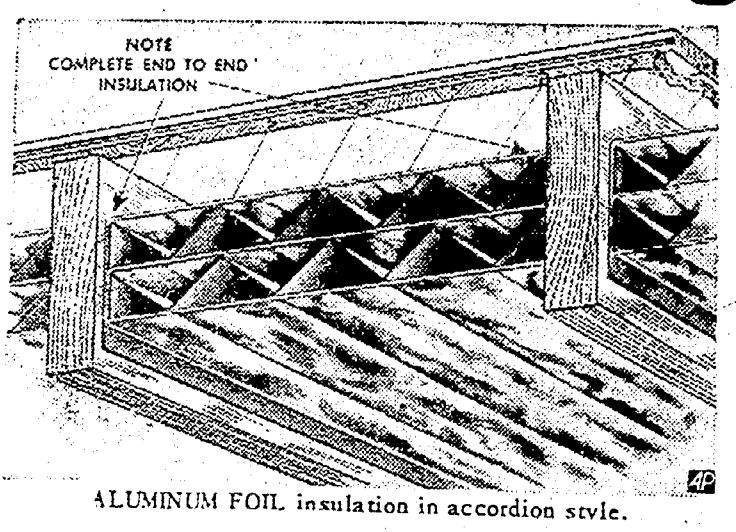
Insert a ruler in loose insulation at several points in the attic. If at most points the insulation checks too thin, remedial action is called for.

YOUR BUILDING supply dealer can estimate the amount of additional insulating material you will need to get the proper depth. Usually three inches is considered enough.

If you have an unfloored attic area of about 900 square feet—which is an average small house—25 bags of loose insulation should add two inches over old insulation.

All insulation is comparatively light in weight. Vermiculite, the expanded mica insulation, for instance, weighs only about 20 pounds per bag. This makes it easy to carry bags into the attic, dump them between joists and spread evenly with a cardboard rake.

In periods of high humidity, cellular insulation will absorb a certain amount of moisture from the air, but not much. Melvin Quayle, technical adviser to a Chicago insulation firm (Zonolite company), says tests have shown that insulation in normal weather will contain only one to two percent moisture, in contrast to 12 percent



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METAL ROOFING HINT

Metal roofing, such as sheet iron or aluminum, expands and contracts so much with changing temperatures that nails often loosen, permit the wind to get under and blow the roof off.

This can be the case especially when the metal is nailed to yellow pine sheathing. But when nailed to 2-inch fir rafters or purlins, the metal defies gales indefinitely.

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For furniture there is a liquid wax that needs no rubbing. Pour a small amount on a soft cloth; spread it on the furniture. Wipe it off within a few minutes.

For surfaces that get heavy wear, such as table tops, use a paste wax, applying a small amount at a time, polishing as you go. A power-driven buffer produces a table finish as fine as the best automobile polishing.

LAWN FURNITURE can be protected from the weather by using a paste, cream or liquid wax. For metal furniture, your best bet is liquid automobile wax.

Special self-polishing waxes recommended specifically for linoleum.



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For piano keys, use kitchen wax. Never use soap on ivory. It dulls and yellows the finish.

long-handled applicator and then buffed.

A new wax for kitchens — for every surface but the floor — cleans as it polishes, removing yellow and brown films that come from cooking fumes, and making refrigerators and cabinets glisten.

Leather upholstery can be preserved with a protective coating of paste or cream wax applied with a soft cloth.

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Color's the Style In Modern Homes

Extra Bath Adds Value

Building an extra bath in your house is almost sure to be a good investment.

The Plumbing and Heating Industries bureau says a survey has shown that 75 out of every 100 home buyers want more than one bathroom.

One bath and a powder room was asked for by 47 percent; two baths by 21 percent and two baths and an extra lavatory by 7 percent.

Don't be afraid of color. It's steadily more popular.

Black was the rule for automobiles 25 years ago. By 1951, more than 90 percent of all cars came in four basic colors—black, green, blue or gray.

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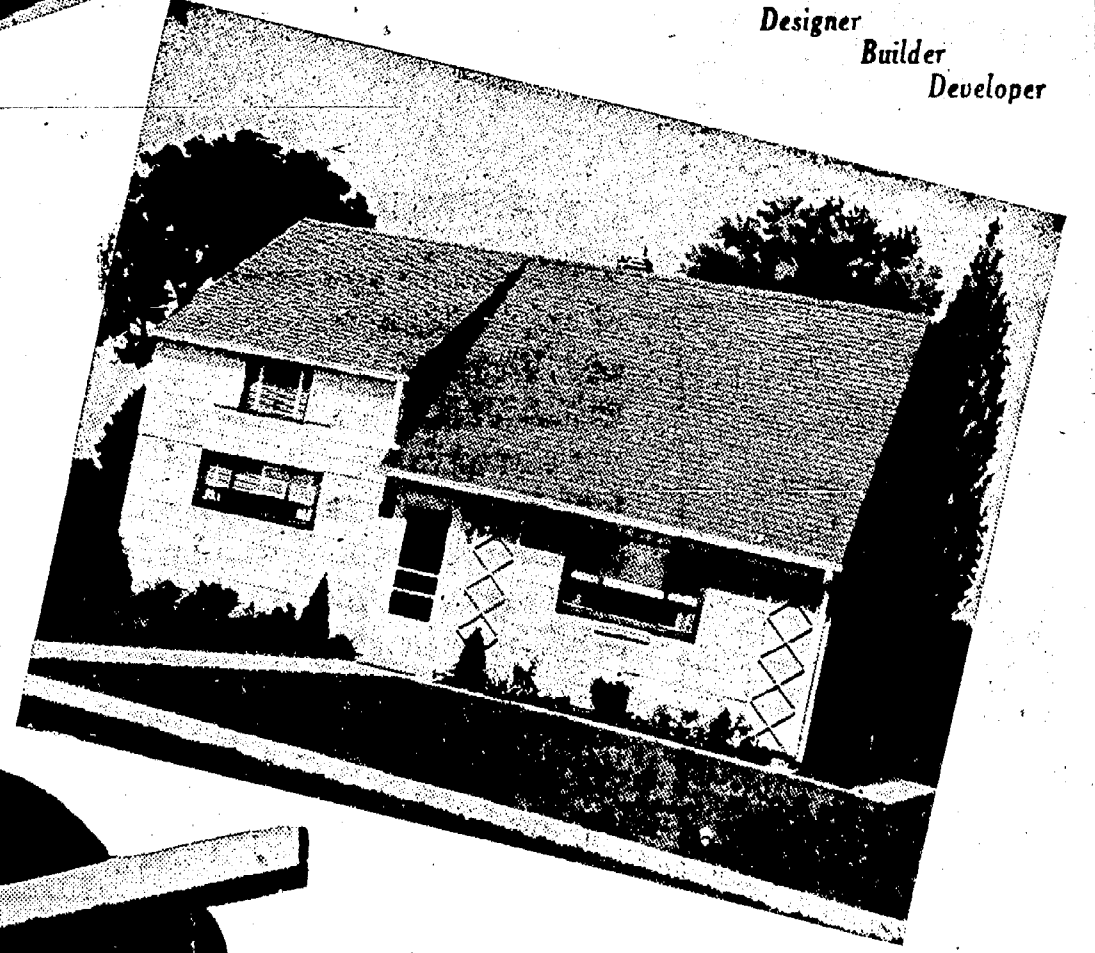
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If you are selecting wallpaper now for decorating during cooler months, don't be carried away by the gaiety of the season.

An ocean scene or rose arbor might intrigue you now, but ships in full sail or roses blooming all the year round in your bedroom might get a little boring.

Here are some tips to keep in mind when selecting wallpaper:

1. A small room may be made to appear larger by selecting light and cool shades as the ground for the paper.
2. Plan the paper with the idea of using one or two of the top colors of the paper as your room accents.
3. Darker backgrounds pull walls closer together, and a large bold pattern may be dramatically used in a large room.
4. Use a vertical striped wallpaper for a room with a low ceiling. It helps raise the roof.
5. If the ceiling is too high, hang a striped wallpaper horizontally to drop your ceiling. The walls will spread. A dado or chair railing of wallpaper also serves to lower the ceiling height.
6. Turn an alcove into an interesting and delightful nook by papering it in complete contrast to the rest of the room.
7. Spotlight your hallway — the introduction to your home — with a stimulating paper, featuring colors used in other rooms.
8. The outdoor-indoor look may be accented with brick or shutter design wallpaper. Scenics lend a feeling of depth. New wallpaper designs simulate effects of pebbles, bamboo, tufted leather, grained wood.
9. When selecting your paper keep in mind whether your home is modern, provincial, traditional, etc. Then select a geometric, striped, floral or other pattern to enhance your furnishings.
10. If you plan to hang the wallpaper yourself, work on a small area such as an alcove, hallway or kitchen border first, until you get the hang of it.

MASK PANES WITH LIQUID
You can get a liquid masking material to protect window panes when you are painting the sash. After it dries it peels off like adhesive tape. Otherwise, use newspapers secured by masking tape.



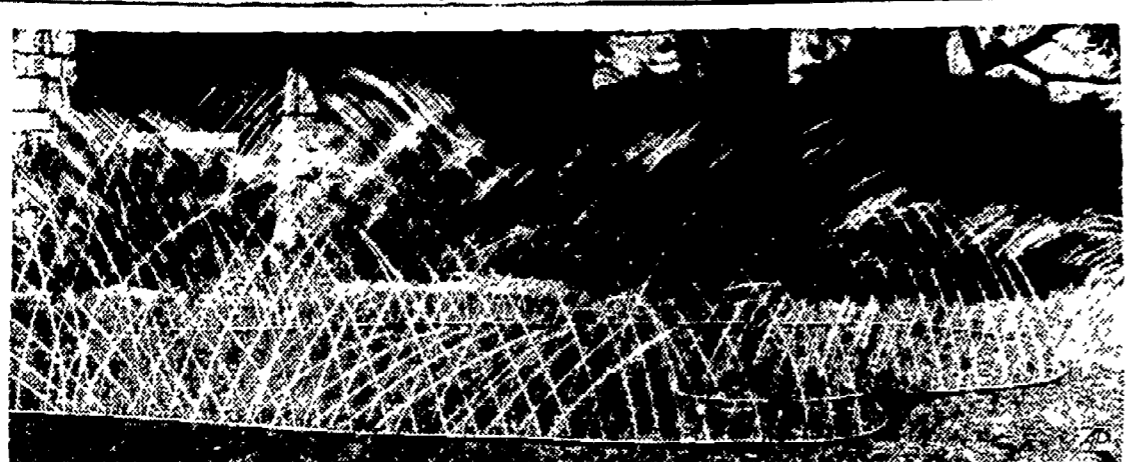
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New Equipment Makes Washing Your Own Car Easy

Washing your own family car saves so much money you can easily buy new equipment to make the task easy and keep you dry.

Rubber boots of the old linen duster days are no longer needed for this job. You can wear polished shoes and neatly creased slacks and still get professional results.

A new mop on the market requires only one bucket of water, gets into all grilles usually hard to reach, and keeps you away from every drop. This mop washes, rinses and dries the car.

Then, there's a long handled brush that attaches to the hose. The center of the brush spins by water pressure. You merely move this brush over the surface of the car, including windows and all chromium work.

No drying is needed. The car dries polished because it is clean. But you can't miss a spot. Any spot you have not touched with the brush will dry dirty.

ANOTHER WAY to do it is to use a pint-size version of the professional window-washer's squeegee. After soap suds have been hosed from the car, the water is scraped off with this rubber-ended instrument. It's easier than polishing with a chamois.

You can get electric hand polishers that make waxing a cinch, too. Some of these are real power tools with attachments for sanding and power drilling.

There's nothing like soapy water when it comes to the wheels. White-wall tires present a special problem. You can get white-wall cleaning compounds at auto supply stores. Or try steel wool soap pads or kitchen scouring powders.

Sea otters feed on shell fish which they crack by bring a stone from the ocean bottom and then hammering the shells which are



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We know of no better way to express the meaning and purpose of our participation in the National Homes Week observance than the re-publication of the following essay....

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Modern Concrete Patio Will Add Beauty, Value to Your Home

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Job Requires Concrete, Simple Tools

The patio or garden terrace has become today's version of Grandma's verandah. Rare is the home handyman who is not urged to build a patio.

This is one job you can do with concrete and do it comparatively easily. What you need is a will to dig a little, a straight edged board about ten feet long for leveling the concrete, a spirit level, a wood float, steel trowel, a hose for water, a square edged shovel and some lumber for forms.

Sometimes you can buy concrete ready-mixed and delivered by a mixing truck which will pour it directly into the forms. This is best if you can get it, because you are certain of a good mix. Second best is to rent a small mixing machine. A mixer does a better job than is likely by hand.

A good concrete mix for a patio comprises one part of Portland cement, two parts of clean dry sand, three parts of gravel or crushed stone. No more than six gallons of water to each sack of cement should be used.

If the sand is not absolutely dry, try five or five one-half gallons of water. The mix should never be sloppy.

EXCAVATION AND leveling is the first step. An excavation four inches deep will provide for a slab six inches thick, elevated about two inches above the lawn.

You can pour a six-inch slab directly on the ground if the soil



A CUT STONE patio and barbecue fireplace provide a secluded retreat when built out from a garden tool shed or backyard garage. V. A. Meier of Detroit designed and built this setup.

is firm. In most places this can be frost proof, provided drainage away from the slab is assured by good grading. If there is any fear of water collecting under the slab, it is wise to lay a bed of tamped cinders on the ground.

If you plan to put a roof over your slab, footings for posts should be extended down below any frost line. Sometimes these footings are 30 inches or more deep, depending on local weather conditions.

New types of plywood are among the best materials for building concrete forms. GPX concrete grade is one that is designed to resist water absorption and provide an especially smooth finish for the concrete. It possesses easy stripping and reuse qualities.

FOR A six-inch slab, strips of GPX are sawed from four by eight-foot panels, each strip being six inches wide. These are set on edge along the sides of the excavation,

placed on true perpendiculars with the aid of the spirit level and braced firmly with stakes on the outer sides.

The form on one side is placed about 1/4 or 1/2-inch lower than the form on the other side, depending on the size of the patio, to allow for drainage. This is determined with the spirit level.

Strips of oiled felt often are placed at four-foot intervals, edge wise across the width of

forms. These tend to prevent the concrete from cracking when it expands or contracts. After the concrete sets, but before it hardens, the felt strips are eased out.

Mixed concrete is poured little by little into the forms and worked firmly by spading with the edge of the shovel. When the forms are filled, the concrete is evened with the top edges of the forms by working the straight-edged board back and forth.

If you want a smooth finish, apply a thin coat of one part cement and two parts sand to the surface. This is spread with a wood float and very meagerly troweled with the steel trowel. Too much troweling draws water to the surface and spoils the concrete.

A very fine fog spray will keep the surface moist while the concrete seasons. After four or five days for hardening, the plywood forms are stripped off, earth is filled in around the edges of the slab and your patio is ready for use.

Glaucoma, a disease of the eyes, can be halted and sight saved if it is detected early, but once it causes blindness, the sight cannot be restored.

Care in Concrete Mixing Will Insure Lasting Job

Quality concrete requires quality material.

Never use beach sand. The sand must be free of all loam, vegetable or organic matter.

Never use water that you can't drink.

Use only gravel that has been screened through a Number 4 mesh—four openings to the linear inch. The gravel must be free of junk that might crumble and create pockets.

Mix Mortar for Pointing

Cement mortar for pointing the joints between masonry must be mixed according to rule—one part of cement to two parts of sharp, pebble-free brick sand.

Don't think you can improve quality by adding extra cement. That can cause cracks and leaks. Stick to the rule.

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But so many people have tackled the job of building their own homes and succeeded—a government estimate puts the number at five out of 100—that industry is lending a hand to give you all the help possible.

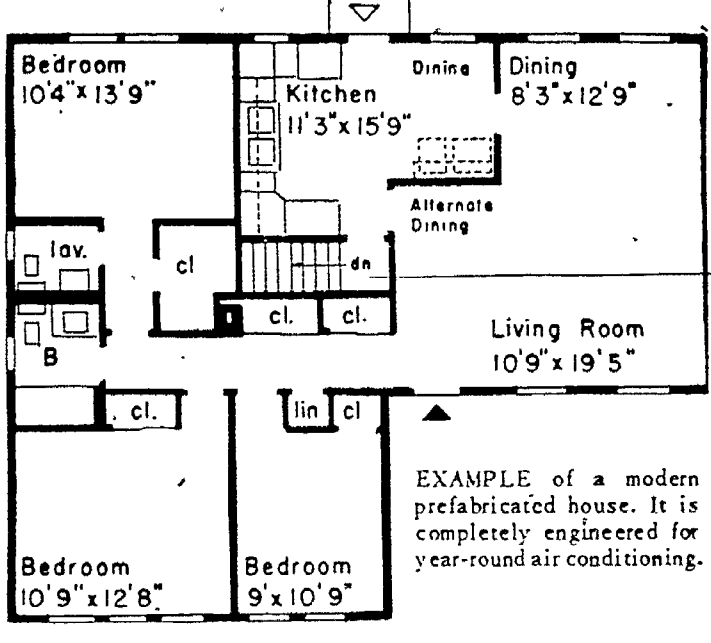
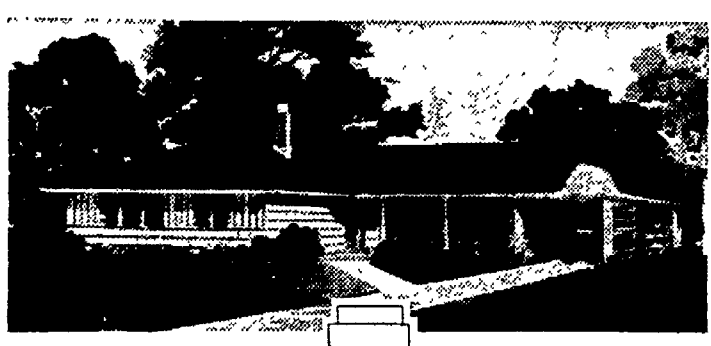
There are at least three comparatively safe ways to go about it.

1. Get a contractor or lumber company that specializes in putting in foundations and erecting the shell of a house. This includes the outside walls with windows and doors, the roof and rough flooring. You may get this for about half the price of a completed house of equal size and you can finish the job protected from the weather.

2. Ask your lumber company about pre-cut houses. These are delivered to the job in numbered pieces. You fit the parts together and there it is. Lots of Summer bungalows and small houses have been built on this basis.

3. Buy a prefabricated house. Manufacturers of prefabricated homes say that professionals ought to assemble them and they frown on the Do-It-Yourself idea. But prefabricated homes are worth investigating. One reason is their quality of construction.

THERE IS nothing newfangled about prefabrication. At least one house of this type has been produced since before World War I. In London recently, an exhibition showed a complete packaged village, with homes, schools, shops,



EXAMPLE of a modern prefabricated house. It is completely engineered for year-round air conditioning.

hospital, town hall and police and fire stations "wrapped up" and ready to be sent to any part of the world. Don't be surprised if you talk to a builder about a house and communities already in existence he pulls out of his brief case

some plans for prefabricated houses. Builders "used to look down their noses at "pre-fabs." Now, John Taylor, president of one of the biggest prefab makers (American Houses, Incorporated) reports more and more builders making use of the idea.

"Prefabrication gives the builder the best tool he's had since the saw was invented," says Taylor. There may be a smaller profit margin in each house, he says, but the builder can put up quite a few prefabs in the time it takes to build one conventional house.

Taylor makes three points in his argument for prefabrication:

1. Because manufacturers buy in quantity, they can afford to use better materials.
2. There is no margin of error. The house is put together like a jig-saw puzzle with every piece dovetailing exactly.
3. Prefabs are scientifically designed by experts—trained architects and engineers, whose services would be too expensive for an individual builder.

Various decorative designs can be achieved with masking tape and paint.

Try crossing strips of masking tape at intervals to produce a checkerboard pattern on a wooden bowl.

Paint the bowl a contrasting color first. Then apply the tape and paint over it. Remove the tape as soon as the second coat sets, but before the paint is completely dry to prevent paint from being partly stripped away.

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The difference between agricultural chlordane and concentrates for termite control is great. While a five percent chlordane dust may prove effective against Japanese beetle grubs, the mixture used for termites is rated at more than 72 percent.

The chemical is diluted with water according to directions and poured with a sprinkling can into trenches dug around the foundation of a house.

The manufacturers recommend the trenches to be eight to ten inches deep and about eight inches wide, sloping toward the foundation.

Children and pets must be kept away from the area during the treatment and until the chemical has had time to soak well into the ground.

Rubber-covered racks are easier on dishes than those of tinned wire. If you are buying one of these racks, make sure it has a smooth unbroken rubber coating that is fairly thick. Be sure, too, that the rubber is a type that will not be softened by grease or hardened by heat.

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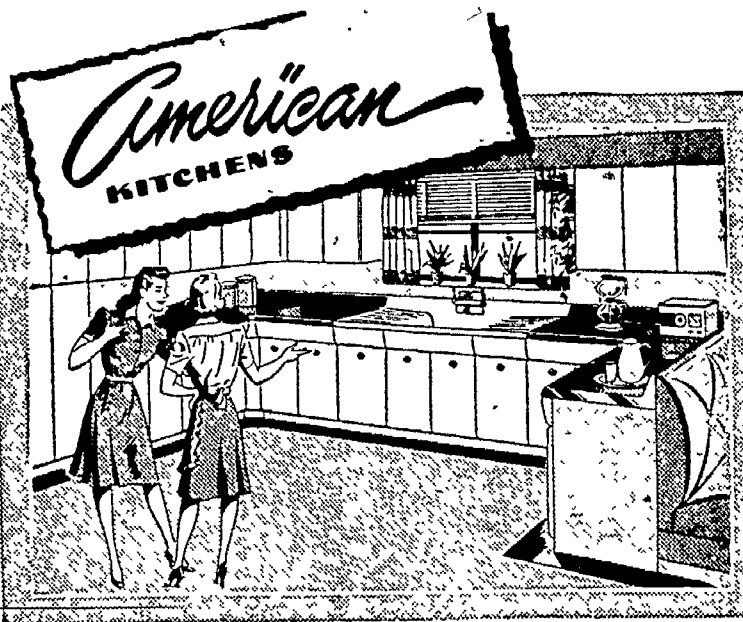
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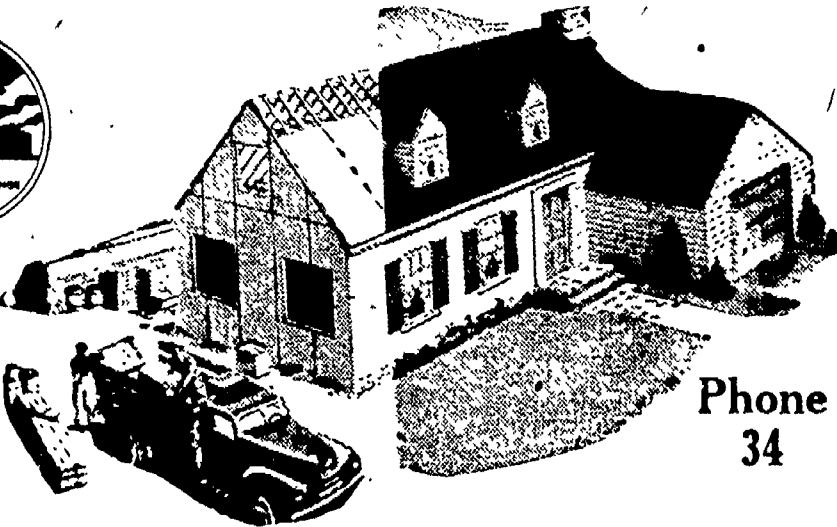
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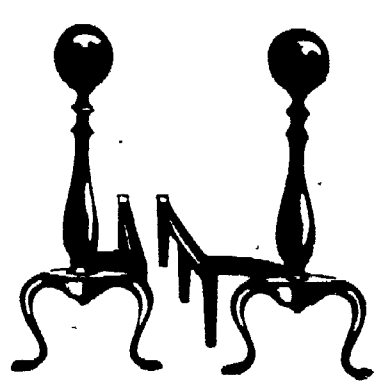
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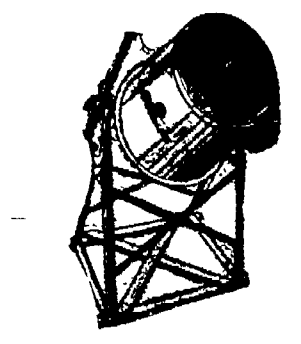
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When Not to Do It Yourself

By JOHN L. SPRINGER
(Associated Press Writer)

At this very minute, probably, millions of sad-eyed Americans are boring holes in bird houses, making window screens out of old broomsticks, and converting used dish towels into glamorous evening gowns.

While you are relaxing, reading good literature, these millions of other people are unable to control themselves.

They are the inept victims of the Do-It-Yourself trend. They are engrossed in the art of learning how to keep their husbands from grunting at the breakfast table, how to build racing automobiles from discarded beer cans, and how to apply a few dabs of lipstick and powder to their dull-witted cousins, transforming them into Hollywood-style glamor girls.

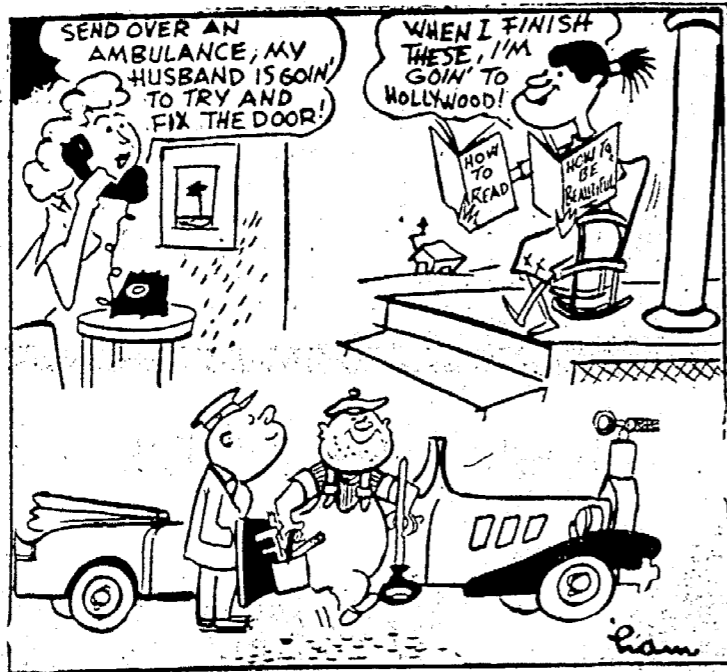
As a result of all this futile fumbling, the fine art of household profanity never had it so good. And never have so many plumbers begun to ride around in limousines as they undid (for fat fees) the damage caused by would-be Mr. Fixits.

NOT LONG AGO, the lock on the cellar door of a neighbor's house jammed. He ran around frantically until a kind soul explained what a hammer and screw driver are for.

Being a victim of Do-It-Yourself propaganda, the innocent neighbor decided repairing a lock was an easy matter.

Maybe. But he got the door off the hinges and in attempting to turn it around, let it fall down the cellar steps. He fell after it.

The door split into pieces and the neighbor fractured his arm. But the thrill of getting the door off the hinges did something to his spirit. When he began to finish off his expansion attic, the



fact that one arm was in a sling didn't stop him.

ANOTHER HAZARD of this trend is illustrated by the sad case of Mr. F. Z. He went onto his terrace one morning to fix a crack in the concrete. He looked at the crack sadly, started to think, and began to Do It Himself.

By the time he had finished, months later, he had a roof over the terrace, flagstones cemented to the concrete, and the whole thing closed in with screens. Total cost, not counting his own labor, came to \$675.

Who ever heard of a professional mason charging \$675 and taking five months to repair a dinky concrete crack?

Probably the only safe, profitable way to Do It Yourself is to write about it later for newspapers or magazines. One actual case history illustrates this:

The man was writing an article

and called his wife. It's okay, now," he announced. "Please call the garage and tell them to put the motor together again."

This was a laudable Do It Yourself project, for after paying the garage, the writer had a profit of \$11.65. (A lot more, by the way, than a writer of a Don't Do It Yourself article will get!)

IF DOING IT yourself keeps going much longer, we'll have Mom weaving cloth and churning butter in the kitchen while Papa makes shoes in the parlor.

We'll be chopping trees to build our own houses and keeping goats in the backyard to supply milk.

We'll be where we were 1000 years ago. About all we'll have left to show for 1000 years of progress will be radio commercials and bubble gum.

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An important point to keep in mind—a tip from professional spray gun users—is to keep the spray at absolute right angles to your work. The reason spray paint fogs into the air and on adjacent surfaces is that the angle is changed, giving it a bounce.

PROPER PREPARATION of the surface to be painted is even more

It's Easy to Transform Porches Into Sun Decks

Many raised back porches on older houses and at the second floor level of two-family houses and flats are seldom used except for hanging out the laundry. Yet it is easy to transform such porches into pleasant sun decks.

You can do most or all of this work yourself, and do it inexpensively. A convertible canvas roof operating on a system of ropes, pulleys and pulleys will give you sun where you want it for acquiring that healthy tan.

Canvas panels around the

porch railing will provide further privacy and color.

It's a good idea to plan a color scheme first. Mixing and matching hues in canvas and paint can make these porches gay and livable places for sun bathing, relaxing or informal entertaining.

You can get gay canvas in bright new colors including lemon, mustard, olive green, chartreuse, flame, cherry, terra cotta, dove gray and white. Striped and floral patterns are as plentiful as solid colors.

Then aim at the object to be painted, holding the nozzle 8 to 12 inches away. Keep the spray going while covering the work. Turning the spray on and off will result in a spotty, uneven finish.

Two thin coats are always better than one. Allow a first coat to dry 24 hours, then sand lightly with extra fine black waterproof sandpaper, remove the dust and apply a second coat.

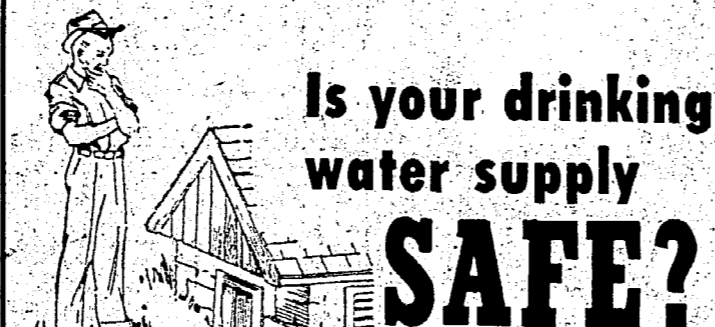
Multi-striped panels around the railing will give you a pleasing combination of colors, from which you can select contrasting shades for canvas roof, porch trim and flower boxes.

Even the flowers you plant can carry out your color scheme, such as geraniums in the sun, begonias in the shade, multi-colored petunias, blue or pink argeratum.

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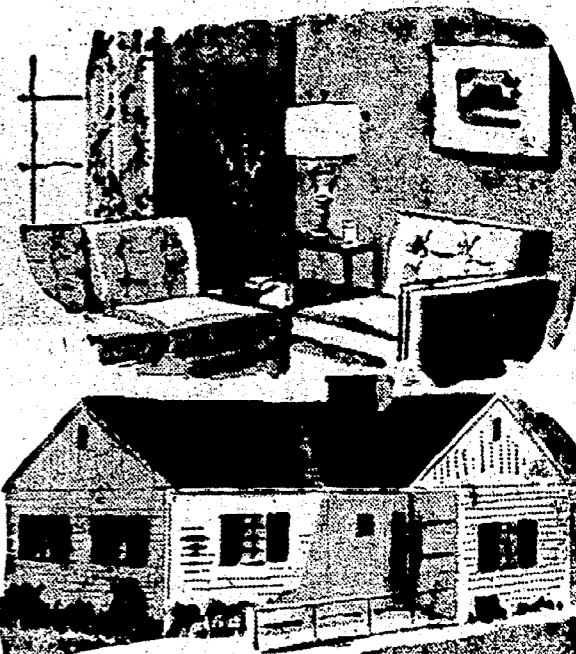
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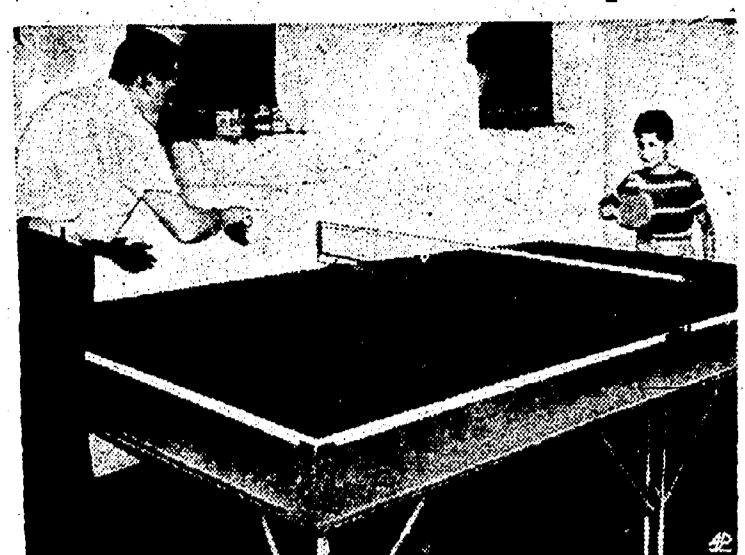
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REGULATION SIZE table for a lively game was built with 3/4-inch plywood panels, ready made folding steel legs. Wiring for the train is brought under the table. For easy storage, this table can be built in two sections, held together with ordinary window sash locks.

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A large brisk wood fire in a fireplace is better for the chimney than a small smoky fire. Volatile resins, sap and gums, vaporized in burning wood, condense in a cold chimney and form creosote-like tars on the sides of the flue. These can ooze through masonry cracks and stain the chimney. A brisker fire will heat the flue enough to carry such tars off in the smoke.

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Girls! Protect Skin, Clothing Before Tackling Paints, Polishes

By VIVIAN BROWN
(Associated Press Writer)

If you are going to do it yourself, consider your beauty. It might suffer unless you refrain from rushing headlong into your project by taking proper grooming precautions.

Here are some charm pointers for homemakers who are handling tools, pigments and polishes:

1. Before you start working at any home chore, wrap a towel around your hair to protect it from fumes and grease.
2. Wear an outfit that you don't mind having messed up. Blue jeans are perfect.
3. Wear cotton gloves for moving heavy articles, sawing wood and carrying pails. Rubber gloves should be worn when painting, wallpapering or refinishing 'furniture.
4. Before you paint, dig your nails into a cake of soap and apply a coat of hand lotion to keep paint from penetrating into skin cracks while you work. This is a good idea even if you wear rubber gloves.
5. Never use your hands in place of tools. Don't try to remove a tack or nail or staple with your fingers. It is a simple matter to pull these things out with hammer or other tool. And don't bite wire ends or other things instead of using the pliers.

APPLY lotion or cream before and after working in the home, whether you use gloves or not. Rub it well on the backs of the hands where there is a scarcity of oil glands, we are told. Work it around the nails, too, to keep the cuticle soft and help prevent splits and hangnails.



SKIN COMES CLEAN after a paint job if you coat your hands with a good cream.

Clean paint brushes carefully with turpentine or other paint thinner. Give them a sudsy soap and water bath and wrap in cellophane, sealing the edges with tape.

Here's Why Housewives Are Often in Hot Water

The importance of hot water in the home is pointed up by the fact that cold water is rated from two to 20 times less efficient for cleaning purposes. It has been estimated that the average housewife each year washes 5000 square feet of floors and floor coverings, and an acre of dishes.

Save Half the Cost By Laying Own Tile

You can save as much as half the cost by installing your own vinyl, asphalt, rubber or cork tile floor covering. You can get kits of the few simple tools needed, and complete instructions from your floor covering dealer.

To lay asphalt, vinyl or plastic tile on concrete only clay emulsion or the recommended adhesive is required. For a wood floor you need 15-pound asphalt felt paper and linoleum paste in addition to the adhesive.

If a wood underfloor is warped and obviously uneven, put a layer of quarter-inch plywood over it, nailing the plywood every six inches. Molding is removed from around the edge of the floor to allow tiles to go flush to the wall.

How to start laying the squares so that the pattern will come out even, and how to finish at the walls sounds complicated to some people, but it really is easy if you follow the makers' directions. Center of walls are found by measuring and a chalk line is snapped down the middle of the room in each direction. From this line a few tiles are laid in a dry run to see how much space is left for a border.

Adjustments are then made to suit, end tiles are scored with an awl that comes with the kit and snapped to fit, or they can be heated and cut to size. Heating and cutting also fits the hardest tiles around pipes.

No wall is absolutely straight, so a certain amount of cutting is always necessary.

TEASE FOR TILES

If you are planning to remodel your kitchen and intend to use clay tile, be sure to ask the contractor for extra pieces of matching tile to be used for hot plates. They will lend color to meal service, protect table surfaces and also tie in with your new decoration scheme.

What to Check When You Buy Raw Furniture

Here are some signs of quality in unpainted furniture:

- Center guides on drawer frames.
- Dustproofing panels between drawers.
- Overlapping drawer fronts for dustproofing.
- Plywood bottoms in drawers.
- One-piece drawer fronts.
- Dovetail corners in drawers.
- Mortise and tenon, or dove-tailed joints in drawer frames.
- Glue blocks underneath a cabinet joining legs and frame.

You also can tell quality in unpainted furniture by trying all drawers and doors.

Drawers should slide easily. Doors on cabinets should hang straight without drooping. Back panels on cabinets and chests of drawers should be a good grade of plywood.

IF THE furniture is stamped or tagged "solid mahogany" or "solid walnut" that means all exposed

Coat Tools With Grease To Prevent Rust Damage.

So many home workshops are built in basements that proper care and storage of tools is important to prevent rust in damp and humid weather.

Coat all your tools with a thin film of oil or grease. When a tool is stored for long periods it is wise to wrap it in paper in addition to greasing it.

A tool rack on the home workbench will accommodate the most frequently used tools. Others should be put away in a tool chest or kept in the boxes in which they were purchased.

surfaces are of that material. The Federal Trade commission requires this.

If the tag reads "genuine" mahogany, etc., it means that the legs, posts and other members of the frame are solid, while the larger areas, side panels and top, may be veneers of that wood.

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Landscaping Gives Home Shade, Privacy, Beauty

Without specialized training in the way you place the taller and the field, the average homeowner is fighting an uphill battle when it comes to landscaping his grounds, according to Home Modernizing magazine, which gives these tips on the subject.

First, consider what proper landscaping can do for the home:

1. It can "tie" the house to its site, covering square lines of the foundation and framing the corners, for a finished, pleasing appearance (this is called foundation planting).
2. It can shade the house for greater comfort.
3. It can screen the house and yard from strong winds.
4. It can block off undesirable views, and give the family privacy within the lot.
5. It can border or "fence" the lot.
6. It can cover awkward spots, and hold the ground on hilly spots.
7. It can prolong the life of the house and help heating and cooling plants do their jobs.
8. It can frame the view, and furnish a background for the house.
9. Besides beautifying the home and grounds, intelligent landscaping increases the market value of the property.

FOR WARM weather comfort, you need at least one shade tree on the west side of the house, and should have one on the south and east as well.

Good foundation planting is particularly necessary where the house sits high; very little is needed with modern, low ranch houses.

Here are a few principles to go on: Pick your foundation plants with an eye to their future heights and shapes. They should have the same general color and texture, or go well together, to avoid a spotty effect.

Plant so that in a few years you will have a curving effect with gentle dips and peaks created by

You can "fence" the lot with a low-clipped hedge; or plant a border that consists of tall bushes at the lot line, curving rows of smaller plants in front of them, flowers at the very inside, as a colorful border to the lawn.

WINDBREAKS are especially useful if your lot is open to the sweep of winter winds; they act as snow fences also. They may be planted of closely-set evergreen trees or shrubs, giving color in the winter as well as keeping out wind and snow; or they may be of dense but leaf-shedding shrubs.

Ground cover is a boon to the homeowner who has spots on his land where it would be hard to grow or to mow grass.

Most landscape architects and home builders agree that from two to five percent of the cost of the home can go into landscaping; and some go as high as 10 percent.

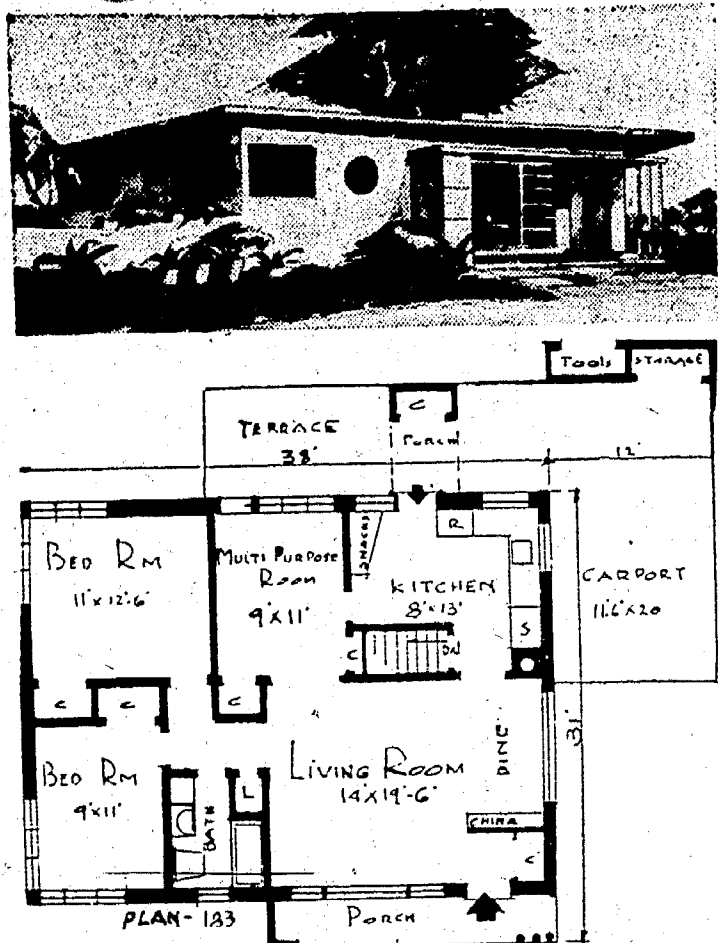
For a new home, landscaping costs are generally figured in the mortgage.

As a general guide to costs, remember that many beautiful plants are slow-growing and may cost more to bring to salable size at the nursery; but their extra cost will soon be forgotten, while the extra pleasure they bring will last for years.

Local Motorist Arrested For Reckless Driving

A Pottstown motorist was arrested for reckless driving on High street at York street early yesterday morning.

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the closet. Failure to do so will reduce the effectiveness of the fumes.

Second, play it safe before storing articles. Make sure they are free from moth eggs and larvae. This can best be done by having the items dry cleaned. An alternative is to brush them thoroughly and air them for several hours in the sunshine.

Third, do not wrap articles being stored. Wrapping will only im-

Finally, be sure the door fits well enough to make the closet reasonably air-tight. Sometimes it is advisable to apply weatherstripping around the door to assure moth larvae of a full dose of the deadly red cedar fumes.

GOLD PURCHASES NOTED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (AP)—The treasury said foreign nations purchased \$128,200,000 worth of gold from the United States in the second quarter of this year.

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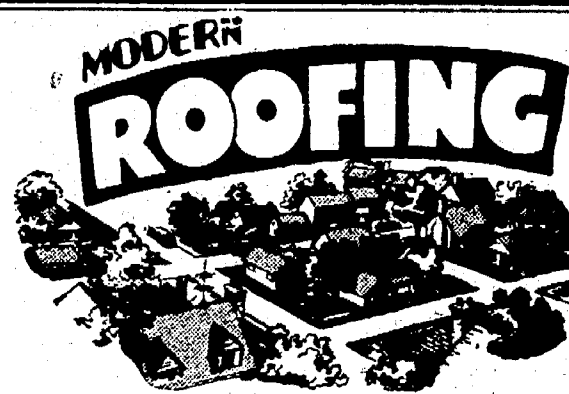
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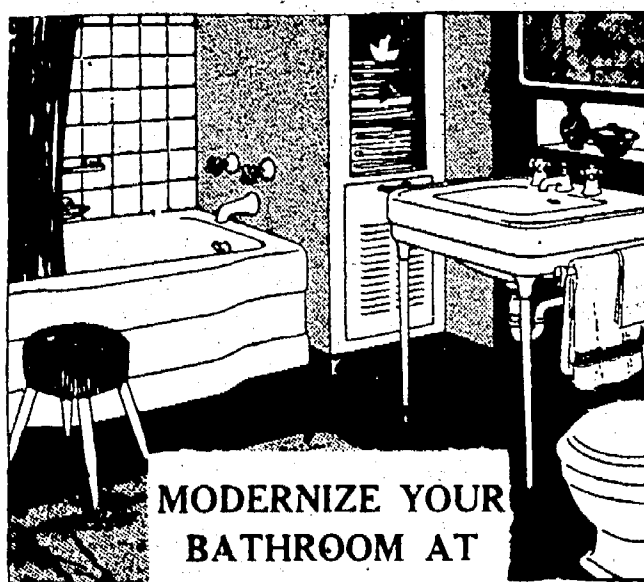
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Dress Up Your Modern Windows 'Good Scents' Will Help You Choose a Better Home

By VIVIAN BROWN

(Associated Press Writer)

Ah, windows! Women and windows have an affinity for each other.

The ladies love to peer out of them, dress them up and even be peeked at from the outside looking in.

Modern windows, however, present a few problems—how to dress up those nice big picture, bay or terrace-type outlooks.

Or in the case of a conventional narrow-style, how to employ a wee bit of ingenuity to fit them in a modern picture.

WHATEVER the curtain problem—there is a solution. You can camouflage windows to look dainty or give the illusion of massiveness—all with curtains.

These suggestions offered by curtain experts should help you in your quest for sunshine or shade or just plain beauty at your windows:

1. Combine plain and dotted marquisette curtains at a French door with fixed sash at either side. Two pairs of dotted curtains hang straight on the outside sash. A single width pair of plain marquisette is tied back at the outward opening French door.

2. Large window areas, particularly corner windows may get privacy and light control at the window walls by means of ceiling tracks and traverse rigging. Tailored sheer draped curtains give a filmy, light appearance.

3. Where there are odd-size windows in a bedroom, a pair of ruffled curtains may be put above a mirror and dressing table to give the illusion of another window. An extra pair of curtains—wide and short—may be used as a dressing table petticoat.

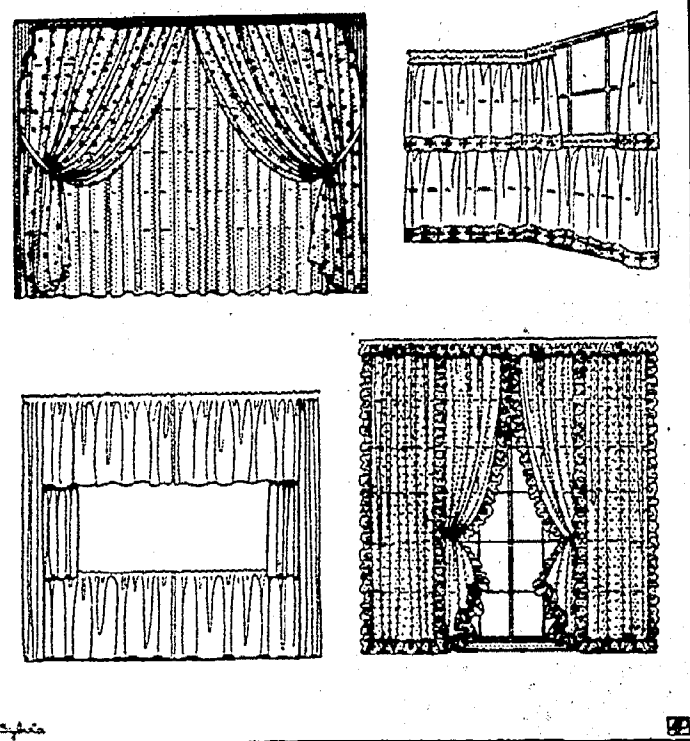
4. A large picture window may be draped in two tiers of curtains—a number of short lengths, and one pair of curtains at the outer section form top to bottom of the window area. The shorter window sections are drawn or closed to

suit the mood.

5. Very large windows in a bedroom may be curtained in a combination of plain and dotted curtain materials. Drape the plain material flush with the window in smooth ripples in a tailored style. Then drape contrasting curtains over them from center to side.

IF YOU do not have curtains with built-in tiebacks, pull the fullness of the curtain back in a sweeping curve and anchor it at a point just above or just below the center of the curtains for the most pleasing effect.

Dotted marquisette, organdy and rayon curtain materials will shrink



some when washed. Your curtain length should allow for this.

Be sure of the curtain width you require. On a criss-cross style, one 40-inch width window will need two 80-inch width panels, often expressed as "160 inches wide to the pair." These give the desired fullness.

About 38,000 people were killed in motor vehicle accidents in the United States in 1952.

Prospective home buyers are using their noses as well as their eyes and ears these days in selecting the quality features that appeal to them in dwellings.

Builders and real estate agents report that homemakers in particular are always favorably impressed with a house boasting cedar lined closets, which give off a clean, refreshing aroma.

The same fragrance of the cedar-wood oil which is so pleasing to the nostrils also performs a valuable service, builders add. It serves as a

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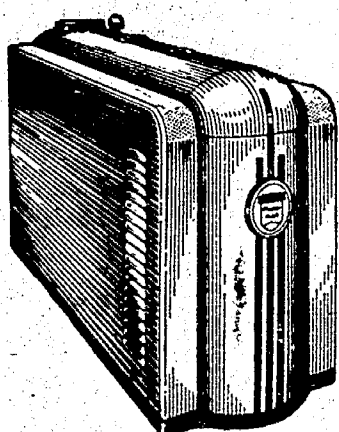
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GROWING TREND

'Mixed' Furniture Creating New Style

Displays at recent furniture shows reflect a growing tendency among homemakers to mix furniture of different periods rather than to adhere strictly to either a traditional or contemporary design, and leaders in the industry believe the trend forecasts a new style in home decoration.

Blending of mixed periods is encouraged by the current vogue for medium coloring in traditional as well as modern furniture styles.

Most modern pieces are being produced in medium rather than pale colors, while traditional is being featured in lighter wood tones than formerly.

The similarity of color tones makes it possible to use tables, chests, chairs and other pieces in

the same room even though they are of unrelated styling.

MODERN HARDWOOD veneer furniture which brings out the full beauty of the wood grain also facilitates the mixing of furniture of contemporary and traditional design.

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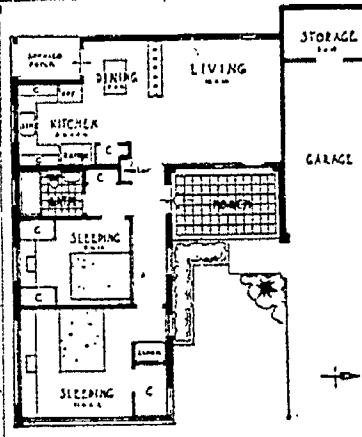
The architect designed this house for low initial cost and low maintenance. He suggests brick veneer sidewalls and a fire-resistant asphalt shingle roof which provide long, economical life and do not require painting.

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Wall paneling faced with handsomely-grained hardwood veneers gives warmth and charm to the living room, dining area and bedrooms.

The floor plan of this two-bedroom house shows convenient arrangement, particularly of the kitchen, dining and living areas. Adequate storage space is provided at the rear of the attached



garage, and a service porch opening off the dining area also is easily accessible from the kitchen.

Asphalt shingles for the low, sloping roof in a gay, colorful blend are suggested to give the house an appearance of greater height. For best ventilation, the house should face east, if the prevailing winds are from the south.

Practice Bathroom Safety

A locked medicine cabinet or a locked compartment in a cabinet will keep poisons and dangerous drugs out of the reach of children. Keep light switches beyond the reach of anyone in the bathtub or standing at the washstand.

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Women Want More Closets in Home

Ask any homemaker to name the features she wants most in a home, and chances are that "plenty of closet space" will be high on her list.

How many closets does that imply? Perhaps the homemaker herself is uncertain. She is definite, however, in her desire for ample, convenient storage.

It is likely, too, that she wants at least some of the closets to be moth-proof so as to protect valuable furs, clothing and household woolens.

Authorities on home planning say there are certain basic closet requirements for every well-planned home.

These include at least one closet in each bedroom, with two in the master bedroom, a coat closet just inside the front entrance, a linen closet in each bathroom, and a broom closet near the kitchen.

VARIOUS supplementary storages also are recommended. They help ease the homemaker's job by affording tidy, convenient storage for items not in use the year 'round.

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Among the suggested supplementary closets, the seasonal storage comes closest to being a "must."

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SUCH A storage can be built at moderate cost in an attic, or perhaps in an upstairs hallway. In a one-story home, there often is sufficient space for the closet next to the den.



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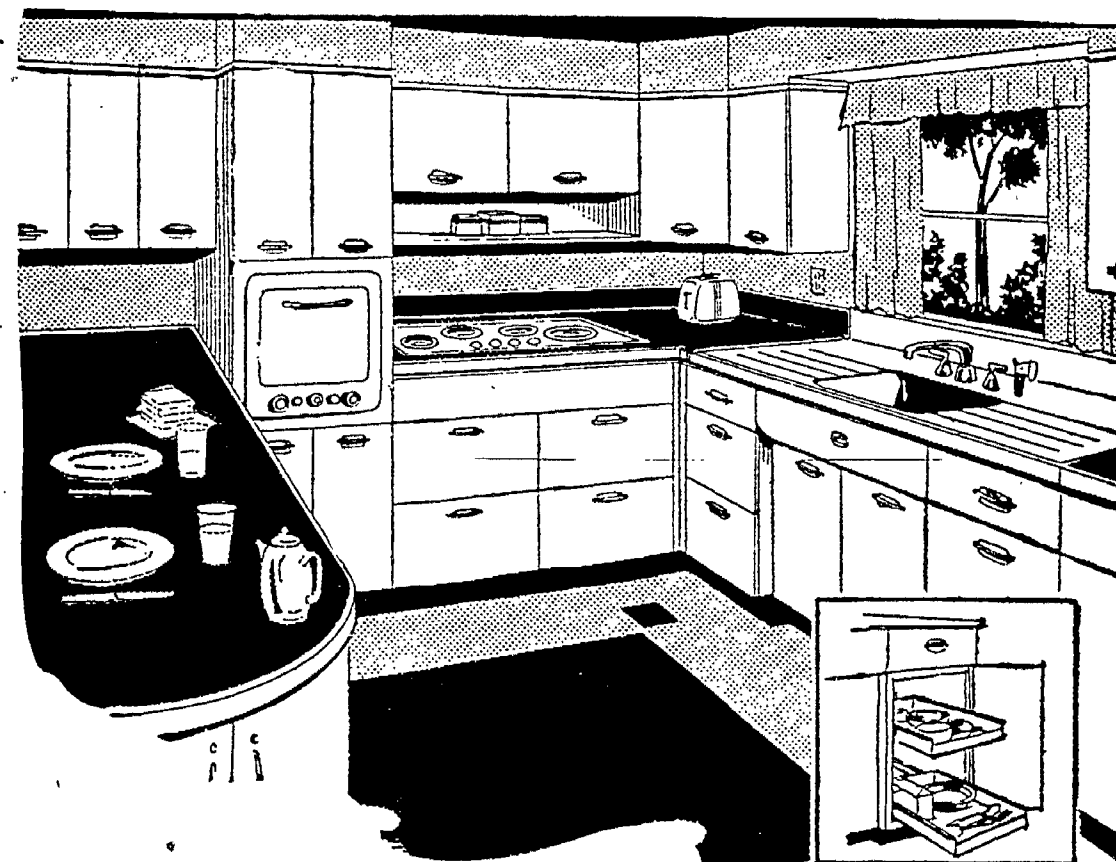


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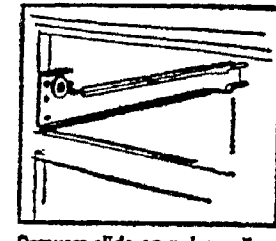
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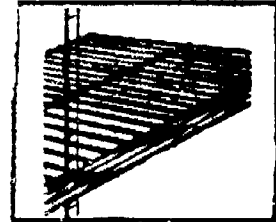
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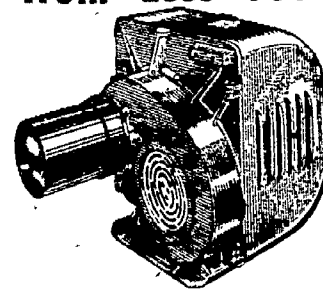
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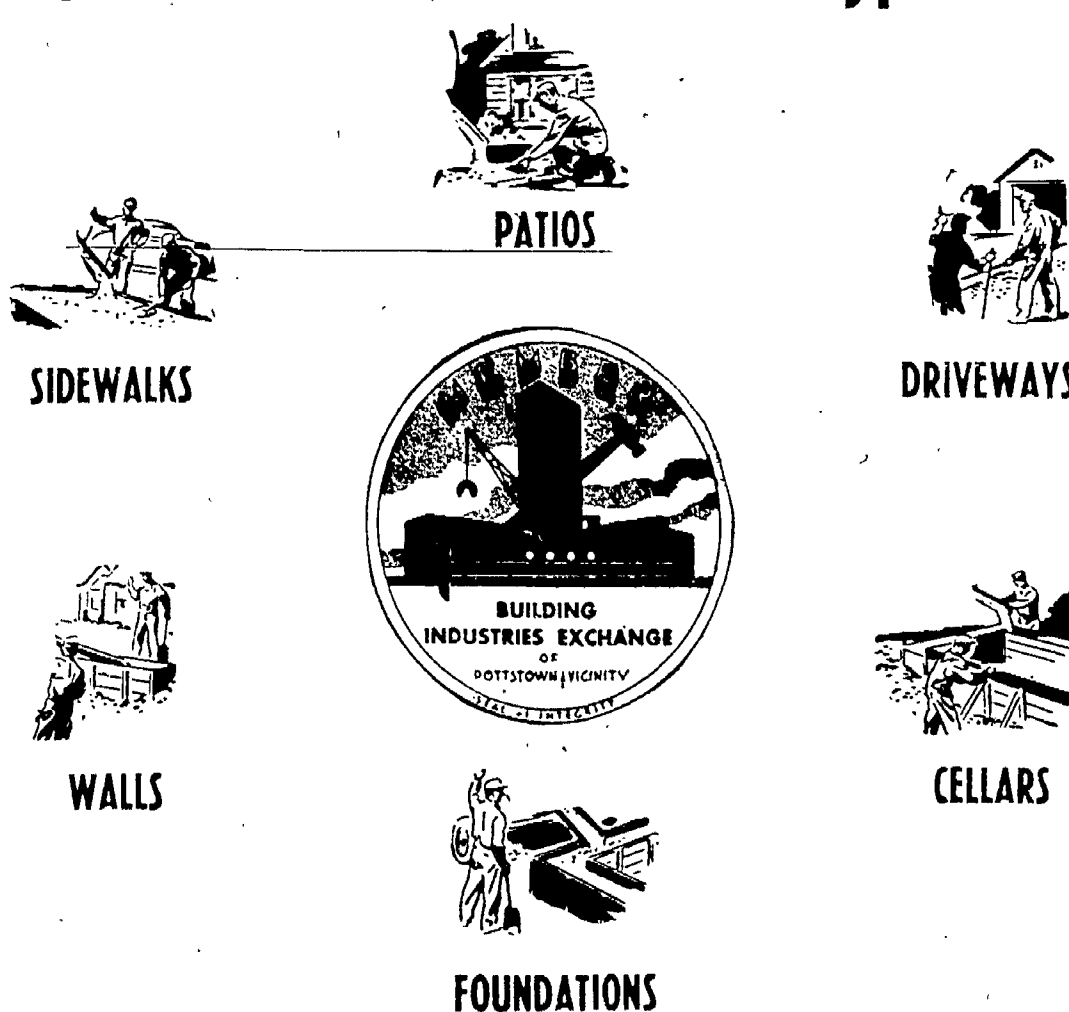
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Brides Given Some Pointers On Furniture

If you want to live happily forever after, don't wait until your bridal week to go furniture shopping.

That's the advice of merchandising expert Myles Andrews. He says:

"Most brides-to-be are confused. Very few of them can make the right decisions about their furnishings while enduring the strain of wedding plans. The excitement of having gotten the man, choosing the trousseau, and planning the honeymoon tour is just about all they can handle."

Andrews says the unfortunate thing is that when they go willy-nilly in the store it is usually with their husbands or their own precious savings. After mistakes are made it is too late to talk about what might have been.

HE SUGGESTS this plan as a helpful guide to young girls organizing their new home:

1. Decide how much you can spend. Then go to a store which sells merchandise within your x-number of dollars. Don't visit the best store in town to inspect the furnishings out of your price range and then think of what you can afford to purchase elsewhere as second best.
2. Give the sales person something to do. That's what he is there for. Don't think you must buy something from him just because you've asked him a few questions. He should be able to give you any advice you require without making a sale.
3. Select your basic furniture pieces first. Don't start with occasional tables which should be chosen only in relation to other furnishings. A simple Lawson sofa or one with similarly uncluttered lines, completely upholstered and not hampered by wood is best for the girl on the budget. She can change her decor anytime in the future, merely by slipcovering the sofa of this type.
4. Buy a typical size rug which can be cut down if you move to smaller quarters and added to if larger quarters are established. New cotton rugs are inexpensive and come in delightful colors.
5. Every living room needs a tall piece such as a secretary desk, welsch cupboard or break-front to give height, breaking up the lines of the low grouping. It not only lends importance to the home but helps make a room look cozier. Occasional tables add to comfort. Stack-up tables are ideal for small apartments.
6. Wrought-iron furniture and the newer shinier metal types are inexpensive and give an outdoorsy, cool, clean look to a room, particularly if it is small.
7. Bedsprings with legs and separate headboards are economical if you are furnishing in a hurry with the idea that you might like to change the headboard later. Never stint on bedding. You want the best because it is going to live with you for a long time.
8. Buy mobile pieces if your husband-to-be plans to move around a bit. If he is a salesman or in the service it is a good idea to buy furniture which will withstand transportation. Good china-based lamps are likely to crack. But there are lovely metal reading type lamps which may take a lot of punishment in transit.

A MODERN SHOW HOUSE designed to maintain the same temperature automatically the year-round and incorporating various novel ideas. Dotted line on the plan shows wide roof overhangs to shade windows in Summer. Living room bookcases swing back to merge study with long living room, or close to provide third bedroom. Unusual fireplace modeled after the historic Franklin stove, can be effectively dampered to avoid interference with air conditioning. Carport adjoins large outside storage closets. Dining gallery is enclosed by front window wall and a decorative glass partition around basement stairs. The house covers 1200 square feet.

Good taste, says Andrews, is no longer established only with the rich. In 24 years with stores in California and on the East Coast, he has noticed the change. Young people today have such excellent taste that manufacturers have had to redesign their lines, giving better design for budget shoppers.

He likes to direct his store to the brides encouraging them to browse around. He arranges room settings and accessories in unison so that they can observe whether a particular picture or table really does look well in a particular setting.

Clear Sluggish Drains

Most sluggish drains can be cleared by using a plumber's friend. This is a common tool consisting of a rubber suction cup at the end of a short handle.

If this fails, place a bucket under the trap, remove the cleanout plug and fish out the obstruction with a wire. Kitchen sink traps clog through the hardening of grease.

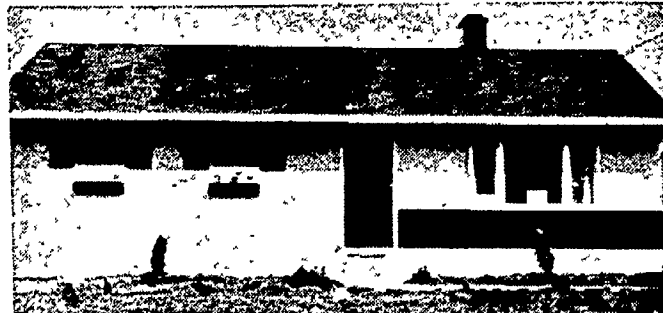
Boiling water often will clear it. More persistent clogging calls for opening the trap, or the use of chemicals.

Caustic potash, or potash lye in boiling water will dissolve grease to a soft soap and wash it away. Patent drain chemicals are sold in grocery stores. Use care, however, since they can cause severe burns and destroy clothing.

Never use caustic soda. It solidifies the grease.

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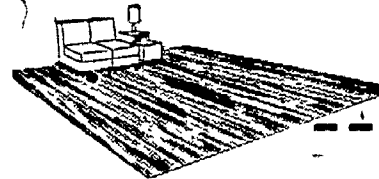
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It makes it possible to control indoor temperatures more or less in accordance with the living habits of each member of the family.

For example, living room, dining room and study or den can be kept comfortable while the kitchen is not overheated by cooking or laundry boosting its temperature.

At the same time a recreation room can remain cooler for its exercising table-tennis players and bedrooms can be prevented from storing up too much heat before bedtime.

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The house is divided into heating zones according to a family's individual requirements.

When a household includes a semi-invalid or a more or less inactive elderly member,

that person's room is included in the comfort zone of the living area.

Each zone is independently controlled, while synchronized with the rest of the house. Such extremes as closing off rooms and turning off their heat are avoided. In many cases an outdoor thermostat or anticipator is added to detect sudden changes in the weather and offset the lag of waiting for a temperature change to penetrate house walls.

THE MOTHER of this zoning invention was the necessity of regulating the heat in modern one-story rambling houses where rooms are spread out in wings.

The problem that such dwellings presented to architects and heating engineers is summed up by Tom McDonald, vice-president of the Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator company, as follows:

"Because of the spread-out design of these new homes, one section of the house may face the sun while another is sheltered. Obviously the heating needs will vary."

"Changes in weather and room occupancy are also factors that may cause some rooms to be colder than others. There also may be wide differences in glass area."

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Chairman Walsh announced that rain date for the parade is set for Tuesday.

Serving as co-chairman is Russell Keim.

Cut Costs Building Basement Partitions

Ordinary lumber is usually used for basement partitions at considerable savings in cost.

For partitioning off a coal bin or furnace room number four common pine boards are acceptable for walls.

A laundry or workroom may look better with number three common pine boards run to pattern and finished with shellac, varnish or lacquer.

For a recreation room or party room, you'll want a better finish. Retail lumber dealers usually have wide selection available in paneling stock.

Roof Is Decorating Key

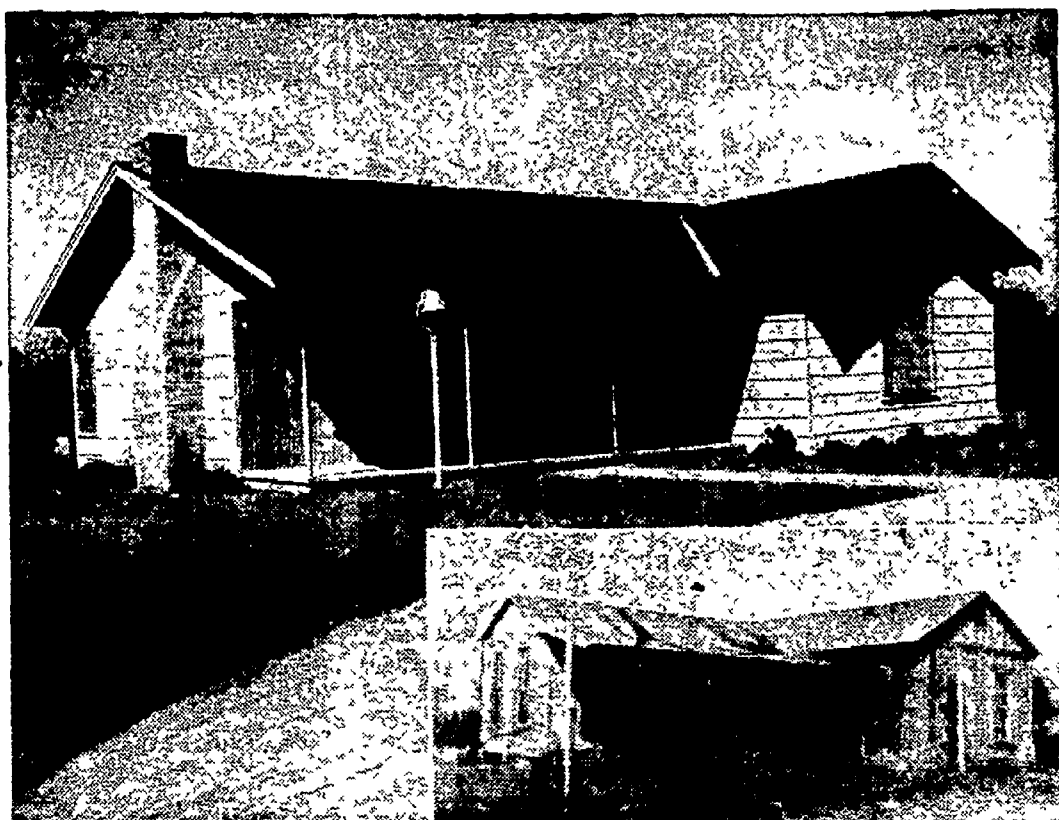
Roof color has become a major factor in home decorating schemes. When you look at a house, the largest unbroken mass usually is the pitched roof.

Because of this, architects and decorators are using it to set the tone for the color scheme indoors and out. Color stylists say it's the ensemble that counts and they are now harmonizing the exterior and interior.

A roof can be colored with shingle stains, roof paint or a new covering of asphalt shingles that are coated with mineral granules in a wide range of solid or mixed colors.

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Here's Remodeling Magic



BY REBUILDING A dilapidated old four-room shack (inset) at lower right) into an attractive, modern house with five rooms and bath, an Arkansas farm family effected the transformation shown in these before-and-after photos and won first prize in a Statewide home remodeling contest. The major "face-lifting" change was achieved by covering exterior walls with asbestos-cement siding shingles. The shingles, in a soft shade of green, provide their own decoration, plus fire-safety and permanent weather protection. The wall over-looking the front porch is pine paneled. Also added were a concrete pier foundation, fireplace, kitchen, new asphalt roofing and electricity. The owners, the George F. Tabors of near Smackover, Ark., did the work with the aid of one carpenter and a loan arranged through the Farmers Home administration's office in El Dorado. The latter also helped in the planning. The contest was sponsored jointly by the FHA, the Arkansas Press association and the State power and light company.

Porch Will Give Added Utility to Backyard Garage

The man who drives his car to work every day soon discovers there is more "overhead" in his garage than the overhead doors. His garage cost him money to build and costs him some more to maintain. Yet while the car is gone, the place is just waste space as far as his family at home is concerned.

Because of this, many a garage is being converted into a rainy-day playground. Car ports are becoming car porches. Detached garages in the backyard are being expanded with porches to provide indoor and outdoor recreation space. And garages attached to houses are given glass walls, colorful asphalt tile floors and auxiliary heating for winter to turn them into general purpose rooms.

Many a garden fan has made his garage double as a greenhouse by installing a window-wall on its southern exposure.

What about the grease spots in the middle of the floor? Grease can disintegrate asphalt tile. That is taken care of by a shallow pan under the car, or by a small rectangle left uncovered and bordered by a low curbing of an inch or so. A neat plywood panel, painted to suit, and a folding table fit over this square in the daytime. At night the furniture is moved back against the wall, or folded away, and the place becomes a garage again.

THE demand for different garage plans and ideas has prompted the publication of booklets on the subject. These often are available from lumber dealers and supply houses.

One of the most interesting ideas is the porch appended to the backyard garage. After all there is no reason why a porch must be attached to the house only. The detached garage often occupies an attractive corner of the lot, flanked by the prettiest part of the lawn and garden.

BATHING CAN ROT

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Here is a Checklist Of Possibilities for Storage Space

If there's a clutter, there'll be a sputter. With ample storage space, there will be neither. An orderly home is the one in which there is a place for everything, and everything is in place. Most important, of course, is having a place for things.

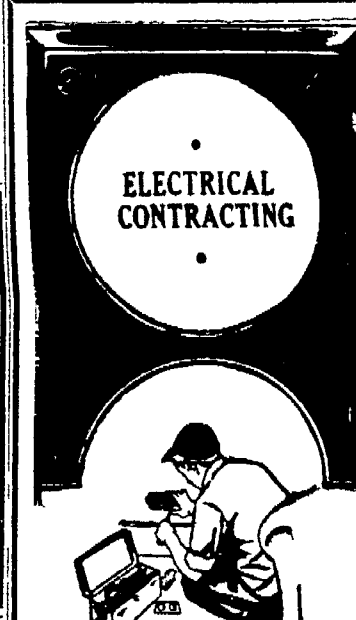
Here is a checklist of storage possibilities. See which fit into your home and needs, and then file your "order" with the handy-man of your house.

With ordinary lumber, plywood, and common carpentry tools, any of these projects can be built economically for lasting use.

1. An extra closet under the stairway.
 2. A linen closet in a room corner.
 3. A wardrobe in a bedroom or attic. The latter is excellent for storing out-of-season garments.
 4. In the garage, a corner cabinet for garden tools.
 5. In the garage or basement, next-to-wall places for snow shovels and ice choppers.
 6. Any convenient place, a container for galoshes and rubbers.
 7. A shed for bicycles. This could be a lean-to back of the garage.
 8. At the Summer cottage, a mouse-proof cabinet for bed linen and mattresses. Line it with metal screening.
 9. For all those extra shoes which are worn only occasionally, a rack inside the closet wall or door.
 10. For canning supplies and seldom-used dishes, a wall cabinet high and out of the way.
- Any of these may be constructed by simply framing the available space with lumber of the proper size and covering it with tough, splinterless panels of plywood.

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Practically any type of finishing material may be used in decorating Masonite hardboards, Palmer points out—oil paint, water emulsion paint, bituminous paint, enamel, stain, lacquer, shellac, varnish, penetrating sealers, wax synthetics and various special type finishes.

Paints and other finishing materials may be applied to hardboards by brushing, spraying, wiping, dipping, knife or roller.

When finishing a Masonite hardboard, just as in finishing wood, the importance of the first coat cannot be overstressed.

And the preliminary step preceding the first coat should not be overlooked either. Surfaces should be free of dirt, grease and other foreign matter before a finish is applied.

Dirt may be removed with water and a mild soap; grease with carbon tetrachloride or naphtha. Be sure the board is dry before starting to finish it.

A primer is usually considered a base for additional coats and ordinarily has some opacity so it will serve not only as a sealer but a coating over the natural finish of the board.

Sealers, on the other hand, are sometimes used as the only finish. Penetrating sealers, providing an excellent means of finishing and maintaining floors and work surfaces of Masonite tempered hardboard, are of this type.

NOVEL EFFECTS may be obtained by tinting Masonite. Tints are cheaper than paint, colors are attractive and unusually scratch-resistant, the natural burl of the hardboard shows through attractively, and the skin surface of the

Such tints, which are made by mixing color in oil, turpentine and white flat paint to the desired shade, are brushed on and the excess immediately wiped off with a clean cloth. Suitably colored flat and spool the finish.

Ordinarily, a primer and two finish coats are recommended for decorating hardboards.

Masonite takes paint well and holds it for a long time. Made from exploded wood chips which are

compressed into dense, smooth boards, it is completely free of knots and grain.

In these respects it is superior to wood for decorating, as there are no knots to be given special treatment and no grain to check or rise and spoil the finish.

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Appliances Spur Ideas in Layouts New Roof Helps Old House Regain Its Lost Charm

Owners of older houses planning to remodel and modernize their kitchens often find they are lucky to have large kitchens.

The development of the numerous new appliances for modern kitchens has reversed the trend of some years ago that was headed in the direction of the kitchenette.

Home builders, aware of a housewives' revolt against crowded and congested working space have been asking: How big should a kitchen be?

Kitchen experts point out that a kitchen can be big without being efficient.

Beyond a certain point, bigness loses practical value and merely means more steps for the housewife and more floor space to clean.

STRINGING ALL the appliances, you can buy all around a room does not make for kitchen efficiency. In remodeling a large old-fashioned kitchen an original error of too much space does not have to be perpetuated.

A peninsular counter to serve as breakfast bar, or to incorporate some of the modern appliances, very often can be installed to divide the room, creating separate laundry space, dining area, or play room.

Peninsula and even islands are among the latest features in kitchen design.

The trend has reached a point where a new gas range has its oven door opening at one side instead of in front. This leaves the counter space above the oven accessible without interference when the oven door is dropped.

ANOTHER manufacturer of gas ranges is splitting up the conventional stove, making the oven a separate unit that can be built into the wall nearer to a rolling and mixing surface, while the usual top burners are built into the counter top convenient to sink and refrigerator.

A kitchen island often is formed where space allows by centering the sink and its adjoining dishwasher between dining space and kitchen proper.

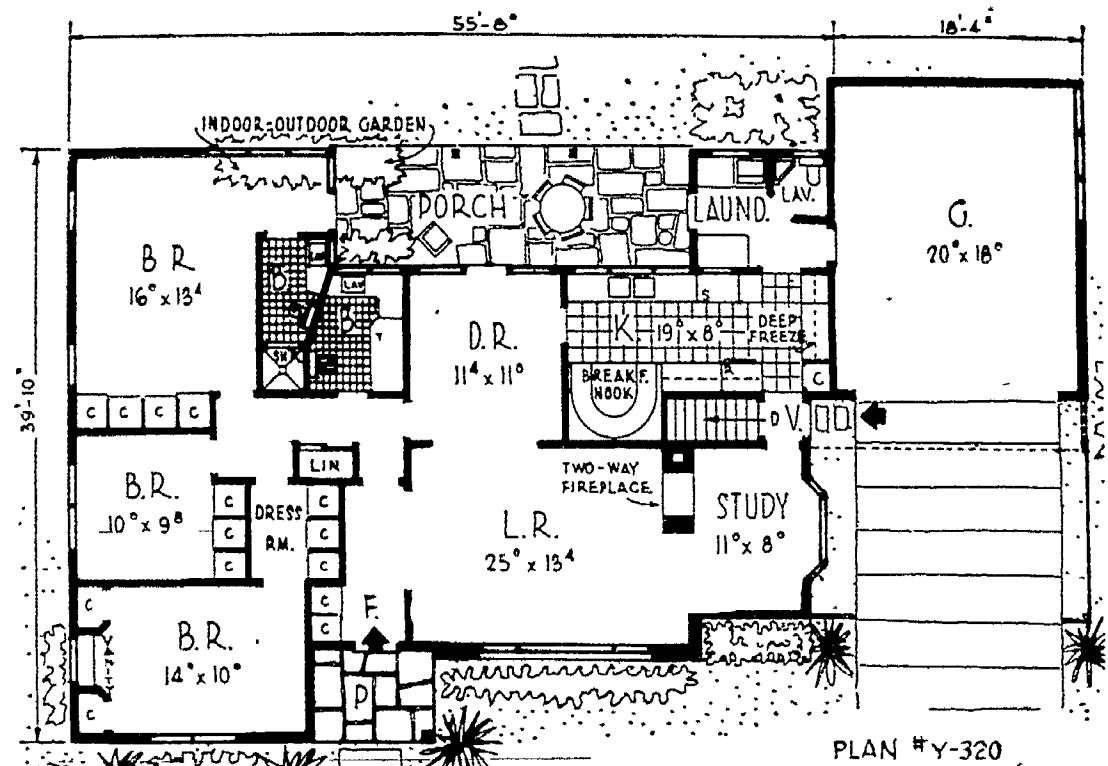
This makes it possible to pass used dishes directly to the sink, while an adjoining counter facilitates serving.

Since so many home laundries are being brought up from basements, many large kitchens have been rearranged with a peninsula formed by one row of kitchen equipment backed up by a row of laundry appliances—washing machine, dryer and ironer.

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INDOOR-OUTDOOR LIVING is exploited by this plan with a large covered opening from dining room and master bedroom. Side service vestibule offers access to kitchen, basement and study. Two-way fireplace cheers living room and study. Two bathrooms occupy a minimum of space. The house covers 1737 square feet exclusive of garage and porch.

INCINERATOR ENDS REFUSE REMOVAL JOB

Higher living standards bringing higher labor costs and higher taxes are making garbage removal a problem for householders as well as for municipalities. In several places the scavenger and the town dump seem to be going the way of the grind organ man and his monkey.

Pigs may solve the problem of kitchen-leavings for the farmer, but in residential areas where pig pens do not jibe with the zoning laws, home incinerators are becoming more popular.

Gas-fired incinerators, requiring merely a simple flue connection, provide one of the most efficient methods of garbage disposal.

The intense flames of these incinerators reduce garbage and trash to a powdery ash that is prized by gardeners as a fertilizer.

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But, because it was basically sound and had simple lines, this 100-year-old pre-Civil War house lent itself to inexpensive and successful modernization.

This was accomplished without replacing any of the original woodwork, windows, and floors. The house was just waiting for loving hands to re-roof, remodel and repaint.

"I loved our home from the first minute I saw it," says Mrs. J. T. Squires, of Latta, S. C., "because it had sound structure and simple form. Because of neglect during the years that followed the Civil War, it went to rack and ruin."

This past year we remodeled the stately old house and added modern conveniences. The upper story had been poorly lighted and used only for storage.

"We added five windows and made two large attic bedrooms with big closets and connecting baths for our two sons."

Contributing to the attractiveness and to the economical modernization of the old house is the new roof of asphalt shingles, selected to provide lasting weather protection and also to provide safety from fire.

The asphalt shingles are in a subdued shade in keeping with the architectural dignity of the venerable farm home and in harmony



REMODELING gave all the modern conveniences to the pre-Civil War home above. Among the improvements which gives striking contrast to the old house is the new roof of asphalt shingles in a subdued shade to provide color harmony with the white sidewalls and green shutters.



with the white sidewalls and dark green shutters.

Other improvements to the Squires home include a new wing in the rear which accommodates the modern kitchen and recreation and utility rooms.



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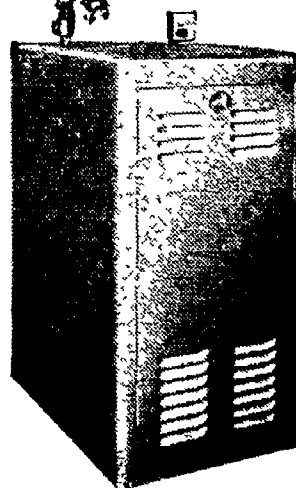
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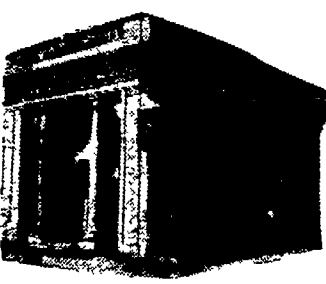


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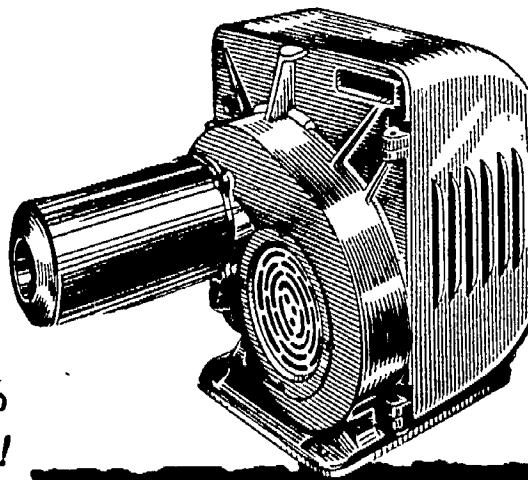


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NOW'S THE TIME Prepare for Winter During Mild Weather

With Winter getting dangerously close, the time is here to start preparing your home for the cold and stormy months ahead.

Inspection should be made even though the house seems to be in good condition, because there may be hidden structural defects which otherwise might not be discovered before an emergency arises.

Any repairs to the exterior should be started promptly so that the work can be completed in mild temperatures.

The job becomes more difficult and the results may be less satisfactory if delayed until the weather becomes cold and unpleasant.

Check the house from the roof to the heating plant in the basement. If the roof has given many years of service, this may be the time to recover it.

There is danger, even though no leak has been detected, that old and weather-worn roofing material will give way under the battering of high winds and freezing rain, sleet and snow.

NORMALLY, a new roof isn't expensive. For example, asphalt shingles usually can be laid over the present roof, saving the expense and inconveniences of removing the old roofing material. Re-roofing can become costly,

however, through continued neglect. Water seeping into the house, may damage paper and paint on interior walls and ceilings.

There is danger also that continued soaking of the roof boards over a long period will cause rotting of the roof deck and framing. That is why the best time to replace an old roof is before the first leak occurs.

Be sure to clean leaves, twigs and other debris from roof gutters and downspouts. Otherwise, drainage may be blocked and water from melting snow may back up under roof shingles and seep through the roof deck.

CLEANING of both the chimney and furnace will assure maximum warmth and efficiency from the heating plant.

Have the heating apparatus inspected by a service man who can make needed repairs as well as any adjustments required for economic and satisfactory performance.

Doors and windows frames also should be inspected to make certain they are snug-fitting and weathertight.

Some 83 million tons of cargo went through the Suez Canal in 1952.



MODERN DESIGN—Furniture of modern design is gaining in popularity, and understandably so, judging from the attractiveness of this dining set in beautiful hardwood veneer. The light color lends a cheerful note, and at the same time brings out the full beauty of the wood grain. Emphasis on wood design also is found in the plywood flush door with its distinctive veneer face in a darker tone. The drapes and floor covering blend with the furniture, while contrasting dark walls give the final touch to color harmony.



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Fresh water causes rust because of the air it contains. Water that has been heated repeatedly is freed of air and therefore loses its corrosive effect on iron.

Therefore, it's a good policy never to drain a boiler unless a real sediment problem develops.

When water is added to make up for losses, the drain valve at the bottom of the boiler may be opened a few times to flush out any sediment.

Camels are shown on drawings of upper Egypt which have been dated 3000 B.C.

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Special tile cements are used to replace broken or loose tiles in bathroom floors and walls. You can obtain these materials from plumbing or building supply houses or hardware dealers.

All loose cement is cleaned off with a wire brush. Then wet the displaced or new tile, apply cement to the back and press it into its place.

It can be tapped level with adjoining tiles by placing a smooth block or board over it and tapping this gently with a hammer.

Patching cement is used to fill the joints after the tile is set. This patching material is mixed to about the consistency of thick paint and wiped over the surface and into the joints.

Before this is thoroughly dry, wipe off the excess with a damp cloth.

Tiles on walls usually are set in a mortar mixed with one part of Portland cement, two parts of sand and water to the amount required.

To this, 15 percent of hydrated lime is added for floor tiles. But lack of space makes the use of prepared tile cements more practicable for minor repairs.

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For best results, you cannot take a short cut by buying one can of paint and using it on wicker, cast or wrought iron, redwood or pine planks of picnic table or benches.

We asked a paint expert for his advice on outdoor furniture—Doug, Jas. C. Arnold, head of one of the oldest paint concerns in the country (Keystone Paint and Varnish corporation.)

"Let's start with unpainted picnic style furniture," Arnold suggested. "Check the surfaces carefully. You're bound to find knots and cracks—not because somebody is short-changing you on the quality of the wood, but it's part of the rustic effect."

"All cracks and deep scratches ought to be filled well with plastic wood, stick shellac or putty and allowed to dry overnight. Plastic wood can be obtained in tubes at any paint or hardware store. Apply this generously to allow for shrinkage when it dries. Excess can then be sanded down."

"All patch spots and especially knots should be coated with aluminum paint. This is a sure sealer. The aluminum flakes, floated in varnish in quality aluminum paints, provide a metallic surface that will hold back all stains from resin or sap in the knot."

"Next, sand all surfaces thoroughly with a medium grit sandpaper. This sanding is always done with the grain and continued until the surface is perfectly smooth. Dust the surface and clean well with a soft rag moistened with a thinner. Be sure the wood is completely dry before applying any paint."

PAINTING PROCEDURE depends on the color desired and the wood involved. For redwood, Arnold recommends redwood sealer-stain. Use care not to let it run down on the edges. For other woods and other colors, a generous coat of good exterior enamel, gloss or semi-gloss can be used.

"Be sure to paint underside surfaces and all edges, and ends," he

adds. "This will protect the entire board against moisture."

At least two coats of paint are necessary for outdoor furniture and three coats are preferable for maximum protection against rain, sun and wind. Each coat is allowed to dry for 24 hours before another is applied.

Between coats, the surface is lightly sanded. This provides a bite for the added coat. A finishing thin covering of spar varnish will give you the added weather insurance enjoyed by boats.

On redwood, aluminum primer is omitted for knots. After cracks, and cuts are filled and sanded, two coats of redwood sealer-stain are applied with a final coat of spar varnish instead of enamel.

"METAL FURNITURE calls for simpler procedure," according to Arnold. "Rub the surfaces with steel wool to remove any rust or scale and then wash with soap

and water, allowing the metal to dry before painting."

"Apply a coat of metal protective primer to all surfaces, including the undersides. This is a rather slow drying paint and should be left for 48 hours. Then you can paint with the same exterior enamel used for wood furniture. Two coats are better than one and 24 hours are allowed for drying between coats."

To repaint old wood furniture, old paint is removed only where it is chipping or peeling. This can be done with steel wool, sandpaper or paint remover, following directions on the can.

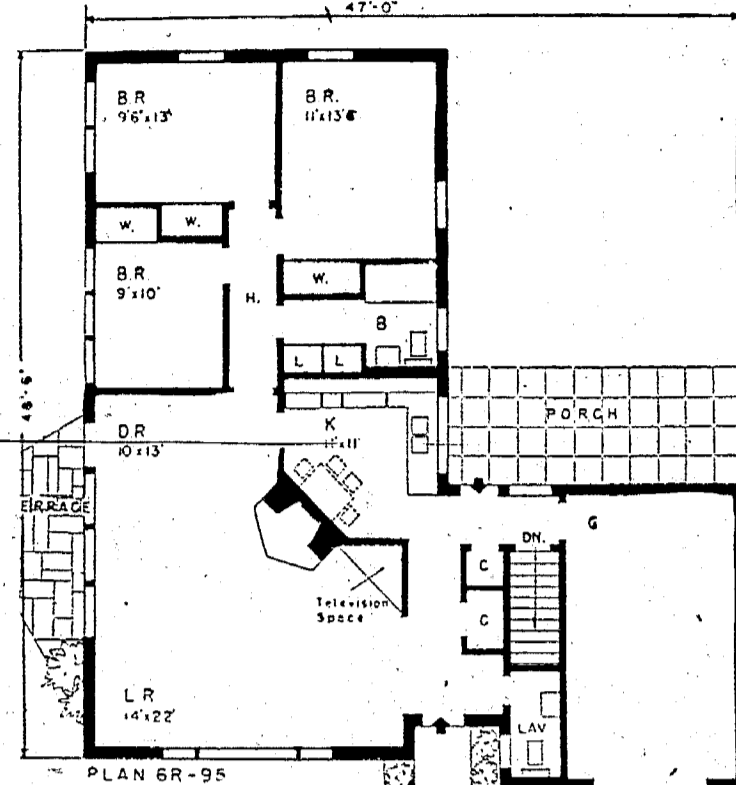
Stolen Jewels Reported Located Near Scene

PICKERING, Ont., Sept. 18 (AP)—Police said today they have located a box which contained the \$37,000 in jewels stolen Wednesday night from the home of wealthy Film Producer Arthur Gottleib.

Police said the box was found in a field about 150 yards from the home. Fingerprint tests are being made.

Mrs. Gottleib, owner of the jewels is Gladys Glad, former Ziegfeld Follies beauty and widow of the late Mark Hellinger, Broadway and Hollywood producer.

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CORPORATION LAWYER DIES—Scranton, Pa., around the turn of NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (AP)—Arthur the century, died here in his home Dunn, 80, a corporation lawyer Wednesday after an extended illness who began his law career in 1913.

Don't feel that you are an exception if you need a new heating plant.

Far more heating plants are installed every year in older houses than are ordered in the biggest building booms for new houses.

Aside from natural wear and tear, antiquated heating plants become economic liabilities.

So many improvements have been made in this field, increasing efficiency and lower fuel consumption, that older heating plants eventually become expensive luxuries to maintain.

OF ALL THE oil burners manufactured and sold last year, 62.7 percent went into older houses as replacements.

The proportion of gas burners for central heating that went into older houses was 67.9 percent. And still it was a year in which the building industry set a record with more than 1,300,000 new homes built.

This is natural, when you realize that your home is just one among 45,875,000 single family, fully detached dwell-

ings, counted by the Census bureau.

About 28,535,000 of those homes are 20 years or more old and are heated with equipment that is equally as old.

This takes into account annual installation of new heating plants and allows for one percent of all dwellings becoming uninhabitable or demolished each year.

Nothing seems to last forever.

Two Cars Damaged At Intersection Here

The right front headlight of a car was damaged last night when it collided with another car at Washington and Mervine streets.

Driver of the damaged car was William R. Olinger, of Pottstown RD 4, while David Krupiak, 616 Howard street, Stowe, was the other operator.

Investigating officers Sgt. Thomas Lawler and Motor Patrolman Paul I. Galloway reported that the accident occurred when both cars came to an abrupt stop near the intersection.

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Subterranean termites make millions of dollars of home repairs necessary every year.

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44 African Tribesmen Are Sentenced to Death

NAIROBI, Kenya, Sept. 18 (AP)—Forty-four Kikuyu tribesmen were sentenced to death and four others to prison terms by this British colony's supreme court today for the Mau Mau's Lari massacre.

The 44 were charged specifically with killing a 1-year-old child who was among 150 natives, loyal to the British, hacked and burned to death by the anti-White Mau Mau secret society in a night raid on the village of Lari March 26. A 45th defendant was acquitted.

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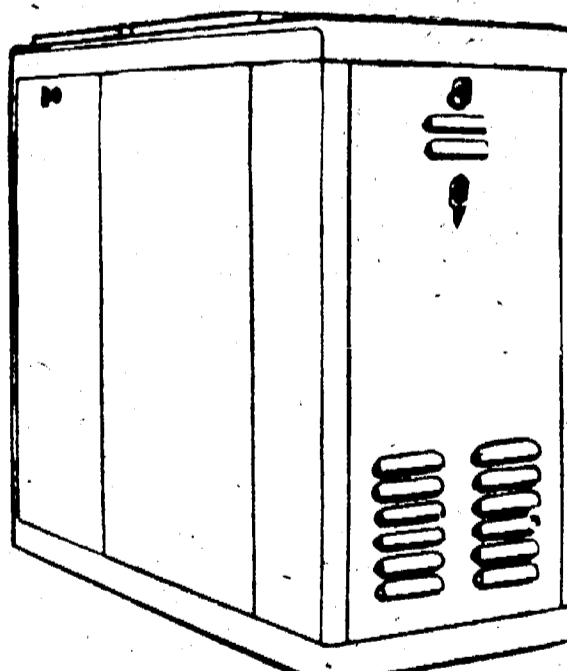
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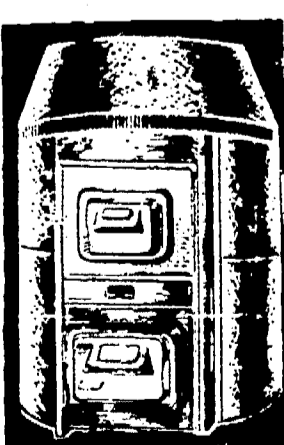
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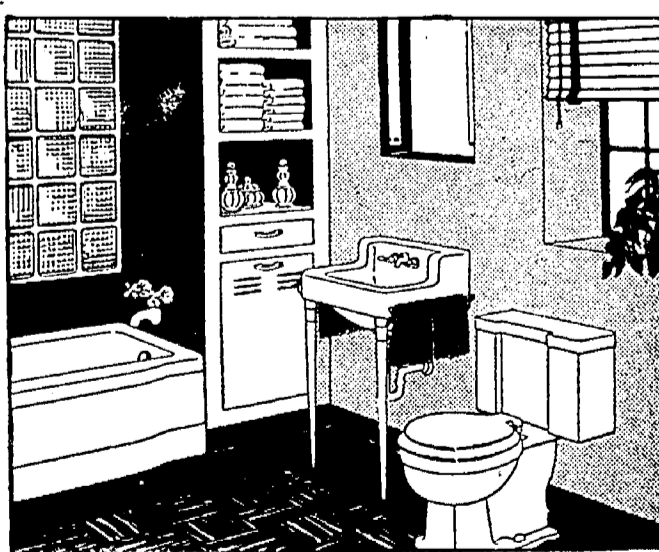
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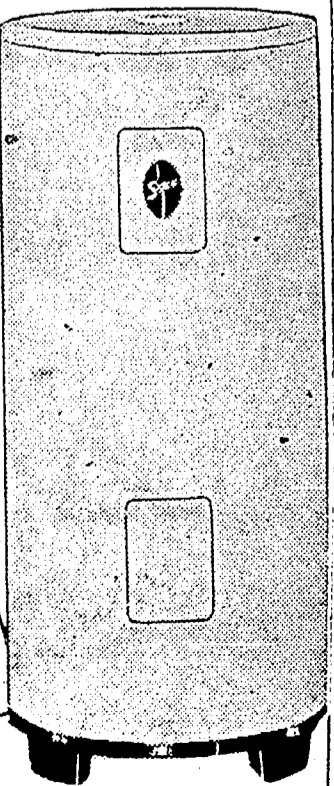
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Although today's average new home is considerably smaller than the typical dwelling of the '20s and '30s, it largely offsets this "shrinkage" by utilizing space far more efficiently, builders point out.

One recent advance which has played an important part in cutting waste space and putting every square foot to valuable use is the trend toward more and bigger closets.

Homemakers have been campaigning for more closet space since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary.

Many a home in the alleged good old days offered as few as three closets. There may have been plenty of overall space for more, but the room planners did not utilize it.

IN WELL BUILT modern homes homemakers are getting the added storage they demand.

It is not uncommon today to find such "luxuries" as two closets in a master bedroom, one in each of the other bedrooms, one or more linen closets, a coat closet, a handy broom closet and an all-purpose storage for seasonal articles and all sorts of odds and ends.

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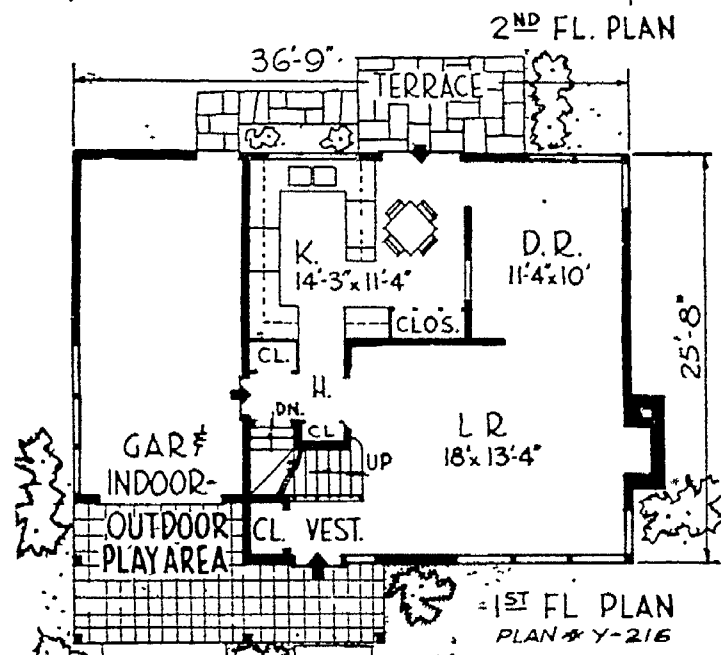
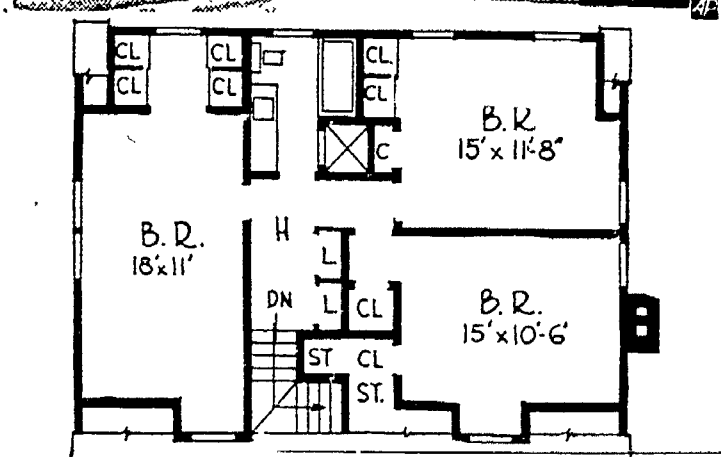
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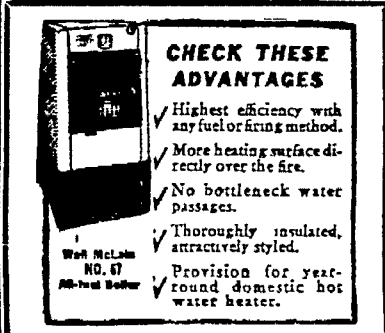
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Step-By-Step Method Helps Family Intent on Repairing, Beautifying Home

Ready to modernize your home? A step-by-step plan will help.

1) Sharpen up a pencil. It's your number one modernizing tool.

2) Call a family conference. Let every member tell what he thinks needs doing, and put all the projects down on paper—where you can afford to shoot the works!

3) Grade the projects, if there are several, listing them as first priority jobs or ones that can wait if necessary.

4) Sketch up plans—preferably scale drawings, on graph paper. Make all your changes on paper, where they won't be costly.

5) Consult an architect, if possible. He will pay for himself, particularly if the project is sizable. He will tell you whether your plans are practical, will help you choose the best materials and equipment, and will, if you wish

him to, supervise the work.

6) Decide on the materials and equipment you want. There is a vast variety of new and improved materials and equipment on the market even new tools with which to do the work. Acquaint yourself with them all before you commit yourself.

7) Divide the work. Figure out what portion of it you can do yourself, but do not undertake projects that call for more time—and skill—than you can give to them.

8) Cost estimates are now in order. Find out whether you can afford the work you want, on both your top priority projects and those that can wait. If you have an architect, he can put out the plans for bids by contractors. If you do not have an architect and plans are practical, will help you choose the best materials and equipment, and will, if you wish

mates in, you can begin to consider paring down your projects to what you can afford. But do not make any final decisions on this until you check your financing sources—you may be able to swing more projects than you think.

9. Financing comes next. There are a number of ways in which to obtain modernizing loans. Possibly the wisest course is to start negotiations with the bank or loan association that holds the first mortgage on the property to be improved.

10. Get your workmen. If you have an architect on the job, he will get (or help you get) a contractor or the individual workmen needed. If you have a general contractor,

workmen are his responsibility.

If you have nobody lined up to do the job, your local lumber company will steer you to reliable craftsmen.

11) Check your local building codes and zoning regulations, if any extensive alterations are called for. You may find that your planned garage must be several feet behind the house, or a number of feet from the lot line; or that the two-family home you plan to construct out of your one-family residence is forbidden by local zoning regulations.

12) Buy your materials, and arrange for their delivery before the workmen appear, to save the cost of idle workmen and workmen's call-backs.

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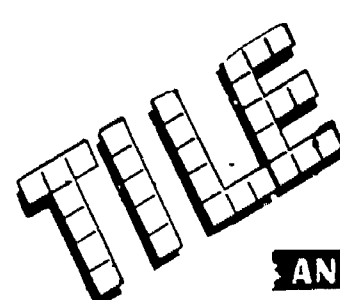
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Home Upkeep Tips From A to Z Provide Pointers on Odd Jobs

Here's a vest-pocket encyclopedia of common household maintenance tips:

Asphalt tile should be cleaned with lukewarm water and soap flakes, rinsed and rubbed dry. Use only the special wax made for polishing asphalt tile. Other waxes or oils can be destructive.

Awings can be painted when they fade. Ordinary house paint is thinned with one quart of turpentine to the gallon. Paint should go through the cloth. Another method: dissolve a fourth-pound of beeswax and one pound of zinc oxide in turpentine, adding a teaspoon of soft soap solution. Rub into the fabric, scrape off surplus, dry and then paint.

Bathroom tile work can be kept clean by wiping with a soft cloth dipped in kerosene, then washed with warm water and rubbed dry with soft cloths.

Chimney soot can be kept down by sprinkling saltpeter on a fire once a month.

CHROMIUM plating is usually very thin. Never use scouring powder on it. Warm water and mild soap will keep it clean. Polish with soft flannel.

Copper and brass tarnish can be removed with salt and lemon applied with a soft cloth, then quickly washed with warm water and soap flakes, rinsed and dried.

Dampness in closets often can be combatted with a cheesecloth bag of camphor hung in the closet. For dampness in a basement, a large open box of fresh lime often does the job. The lime is changed as soon as it becomes air-slaked.

Floors should be cleaned with soft dust mops. A stiff brush may scratch a polished surface. Strong soap can damage floor finish and stain the wood. Too much wax or oil dulls a finish.

GREASE stains can be removed from wallpaper by making a paste of a good quality spot remover and French chalk. Let the paste dry on the grease spot, then brush off with a clean cloth.

Hardware—including hinges, locks, handles—that rusts should be replaced with solid brass or bronze.

Ink stains often can be removed from carpets with skimmed milk. Ink removers used for writing paper are bleaches. Ink stains on wallpaper often respond to a half-and-half mixture of hydrogen peroxide and household ammonia.

Linoleum that is manufactured with a lacquered finish can be waxed, but waxed linoleum cannot be lacquered. In washing linoleum use only mild soap and as little

water as possible.

MILDEW can be removed with strong laundry soap, covered with powdered starch and salt and exposed to the sun. Soaking with sour milk for several hours and then exposure to the sun without rinsing is another remedy.

Newspapers crumpled polish windows, mirrors, nickel plating. Odor of fresh paint in a room can be absorbed with a cake of ice in a dishpan or a pail of cold water in the room, changing the water hourly. An old method of killing the odor in freshly papered rooms is to place red hot coals in an iron container and strew juniper berries on the coals. The room is closed for 12 hours, then ventilated.

Paint brushes can be cleaned after use by suspending them in benzene or white gasoline. The paint will be drawn out and settle.

When clean, the brush is allowed to dry slowly—not near heat—bristles are dampened with linseed oil and brush is wrapped in wax paper. Never put a paint brush in water.

PAINTED walls can be cleaned by dusting with soft cloths, soft hair wall brush, or lambs wool brush. Wash with heavy suds of mild soap flakes, from top down. Rinse with fresh supplies of clean warm water and sponge. Wipe dry. Rubber tile should be polished only with special wax made for this floor covering. Grease and oil disintegrates rubber.

Screens can be patched by trimming the edges of a hole to a rough square. Cut a piece of new wire cloth large enough to overlap the edges of the hole by about an inch on all sides. Ravel off the wires around the edges of the patch, bend them to push through the screen and bend them over to hold the

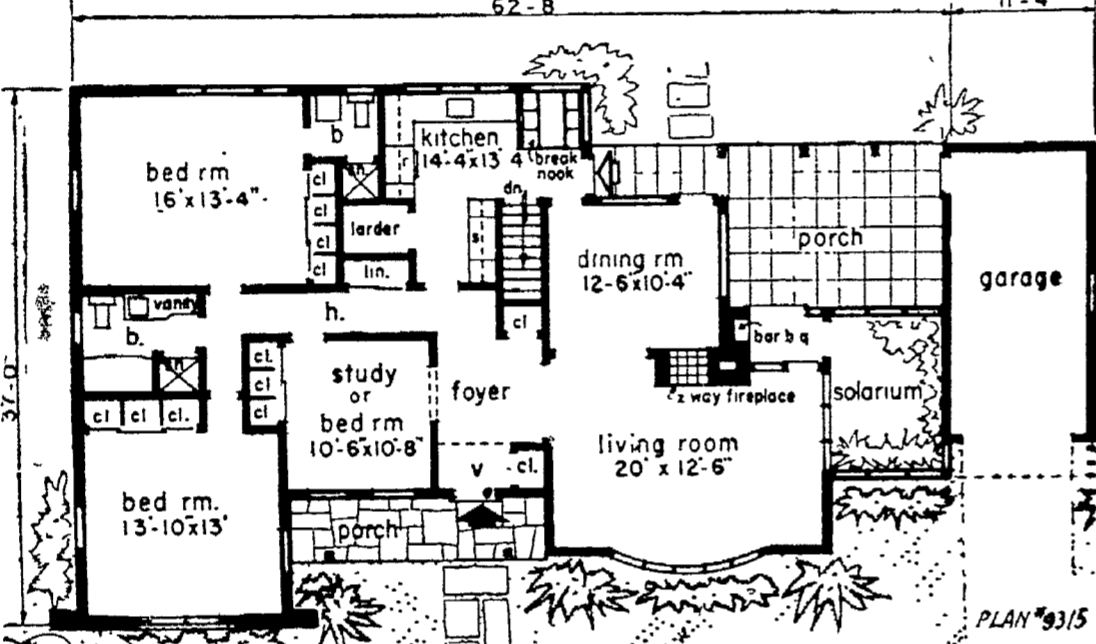
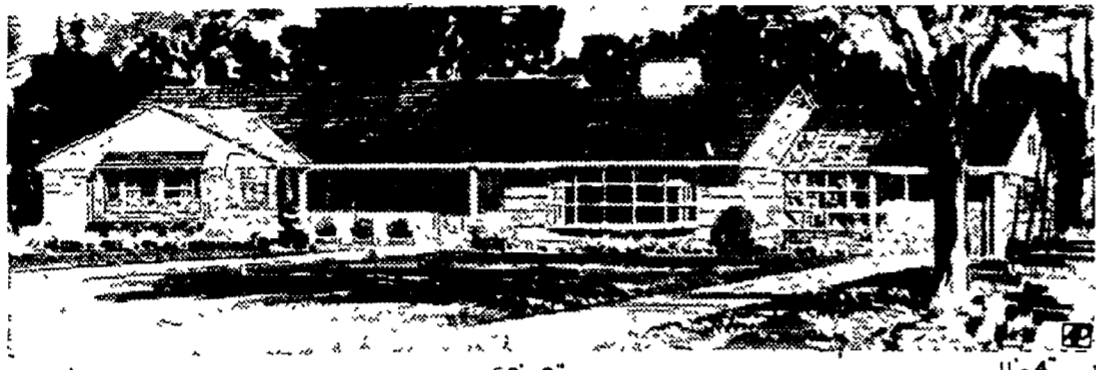
patch. Stairs can be painted or varnished and used at the same time by painting every other step. Unpainted treads are used until paint dries.

TIN can be prevented from rusting by roughing the surface with fine sandpaper or powdered pumice, brushing clean and then coating with thin shellac.

Varnished floors should not be washed with water. Sweep with a hair brush and every two to four weeks use a lightly oiled mop. Scratches can be obliterated by dropping turpentine into them and rubbing gently.

Windows can be kept sliding easily in freezing weather by rubbing the grooves with a cloth dipped in paraffin.

Zinc roof gutters and flashing found on some older houses require no paint. This is the metal used for galvanizing iron.



A BUILT-IN GARDEN features this plan of a house with a solarium. Skylight between house and garage plus a window wall makes a veritable greenhouse part of the home. Two-way fireplace opens into living room and dining room. Outdoor barbecue fireplace adjoins covered garden porch. The house covers 1709 square feet.

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But even if you don't do it yourself, you'll get the most for your money if you know a few tricks of the trade and what to look for in a top-notch job.

When choosing your roofing materials go to a reliable local dealer and buy the best you can afford. Be sure that the shingles you select are the

proper weight for your particular roof. Some of the lighter weight and consequently less expensive shingles are suitable only for very steeply pitched roofs, where water runoff is rapid and where shingles are not apt to ruffle in high winds.

Your roofing dealer will advise you about local experience on this score.

CHOOSE the color of your shingles carefully. Today's color experts maintain that the roof color

should be the key to all other colors used on the exterior of a house.

Siding, trim, doors, even paved terraces and walks are chosen in hues to harmonize with the great mass of color that makes up a roof.

Since light pastel shades have recently been added to asphalt roofing lines, you have the widest choice of colors.

Your tastes can roam through pastel blues, greens, corals right up to white, or back down the spectrum to deep reds, browns, grays, blacks.

Keep in mind that a light roof is apt to make your house look taller, larger, generally more informal. A dark roof will keep height down. Choose the color that will give your house the most individuality—make it different from its neighbors, yet blend it with the surrounding landscape.

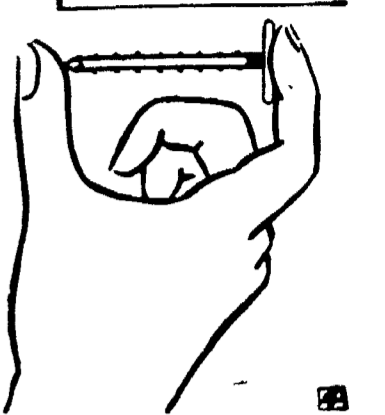
CHOOSE the best roofing contractor you can find. Look at some of the roofs he has done, and if possible check with the home owners. A good roofer will never skimp on materials. He will never try to reduce shingle overlap. Exposing more of the shingles uses fewer shingles makes a roof, quicker to lay, but may let you in for trouble later.

A conscientious roofer also will use rust-proof nails, long enough to

hold fast in the sheathing or shingle lath on your house.

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Trend Spotlights Natural Beauty of Oak Floors

Display of more oak floor area, a fast-growing trend in modern home decoration, has advantages which one would do well to consider when planning a home, according to Elizabeth Whitney, noted interior decorator.

"By exposing greater areas of her oak floors," Miss Whitney said in a recent interview, "the home-maker achieves three important results: first, she puts the natural beauty of the hardwood to work in adding attractiveness to her rooms; second, she makes a larger portion of the house subject to quick, easy cleaning; third, she saves on the cost of floor covering."

The choice of oak is a sound one for several reasons, said Miss Whitney.

"First of all," she explained, "it possesses two qualities which are indispensable from a decorative point of view. These qualities are beauty and style adaptability. This combination makes oak correct for any type of home, any style or color of decorative plan, any choice of furnishings."

"The homemaker, no less than the professional interior decorator, can select from different types of oak flooring, one of which may have greater appeal to the individual than another. In any of its three basic styles, strip, plank and parquet, the wood lends charm and dignity to a room."

"Upkeep, of course, is another major consideration. One of the big advantages of oak floors is their ease of maintenance. They can be kept clean and gleaming with just a moderate amount of care. And even if neglected for years, they can be sanded and refinished like new."

"Durability and economy cannot be overlooked, either, in selecting a flooring material. On these counts oak rates exceptionally high. One of the hardest and strongest of hardwoods, it can withstand the weight of heavy furniture without marring. It can take a great deal of traffic punishment without showing signs of wear."

"As a rule, oak floors last the life of a house. Since there generally is no major repair or replacement cost and very little expense for routine maintenance, they are truly economical in the long run."

Oak has long been the favored flooring material among American home owners, but in the past many did not capitalize fully on its functional and decorative potentialities. With more and more homemakers doing so by emphasizing floor exposure, oak has gained greater popularity than ever.

Reports of the oak flooring industry show, for example, that more oak flooring is being used today in relation to new dwelling units than was the case during the building boom of the 1920s when houses were much larger.

Women Conserve Energy If Seated While Doing Work

Women who sit as they work conserve their energy, studies have shown. Many kitchen and laundry tasks can be efficiently performed while seated, it has been found. For instance:

Homemakers need in their kitchens a soft leather office chair with a back, rather than a high stool which offers no support to back or feet.

They can use a pull-out lap-board built under the regular working counter as an inducement to sit while peeling potatoes, hand-mixing bread, cake and cookies, packing lunches and other household operations.

Have the family handi-crafter make it of Masonite tempered hardboard on a frame of light lumber. The hard surface, free of splinters, is ideal for this purpose.

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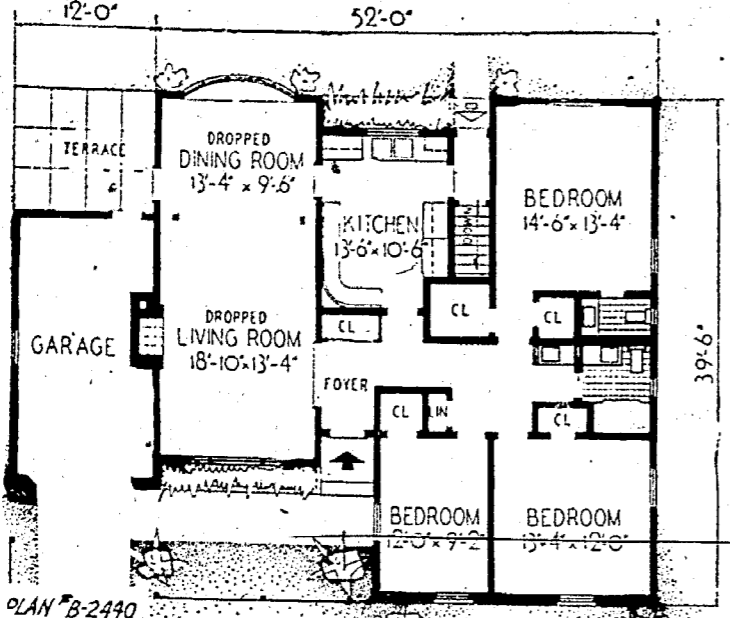
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Most of the quick-drying finishes contain amyl acetate and other volatile liquids. Their vapors mixed with air set up an explosion potential that can be touched off by sparks in the vacuum cleaner motor.

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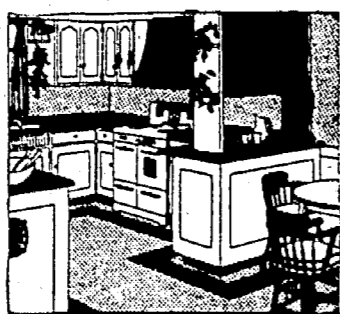
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Three major chimney problems are insufficient draft, too much draft and down draft. When these problems are corrected, good operation of a heating plant is insured and considerable fuel is saved.

Insufficient draft can be caused by obstructions in the chimney.

West End Firemen Quell Blaze Behind Church

The West End Fire company responded to a call on a grass fire to the rear of St. Peter's Lutheran church, Stowe, yesterday afternoon at 2:40 o'clock.

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such as birds' nests and dislodged bricks, or by disintegrated mortar leaving cracks for air to enter the chimney.

A SIMPLE TEST is to place a sizable wad of crumpled newspaper in the vent opening and ignite the paper.

The draft is strong enough if every particle of burning paper is carried up the flue.

If bits of paper drop down after the burning test, there may be other openings in the chimney. These must be located and sealed.

Too much draft, on the other hand, causes fuel to be consumed faster than necessary since most of the heat is pulled up the chimney and wasted.

A hard carbon deposit is an indication of too much draft. A draft meter—a simple device—installed in the vent pipe, is the remedy for this condition.

It automatically maintains the correct draft under varying weather conditions.

The chimney hat, or crown, is the answer for down draft. It can extend the chimney high enough to offset adverse air currents pouring over a ridge pole, treetop, or other obstructions.

Centipedes Can Be Your Friends

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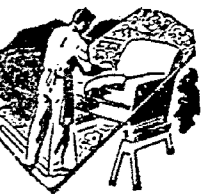
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